



## EASTERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### Eastern Christian Middle School Weekly Home Bulletin

January 6, 2017

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#### **Next Week, 1/9 - 1/13:**

Monday: TRIP orders due  
Tuesday: Small Groups  
PTO Meeting, 8:30 am after drop off, in the Barn  
Friday: TRIP Store open at ECMS, 8am - 12 noon  
Robot Fight Night, 7 pm, ECMS Gym

#### **Coming Up:**

Jan. 16: No School - MLK Jr. Day  
Jan. 20: No School - End of Semester  
Jan. 27: ECMS Winter Carnival, 7pm - 9pm, ECMS Gym  
Jan. 31: Quarter 2 Service hours due

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#### **Message From the Principal:**

The new year has kicked off, but we are still in an "old" quarter - the second quarter will come to an end on January 20 (no school that day). Students have been encouraged to look at their Realtime Student Portals to make sure they have all of their assignments in and up to date. It is hard to believe that we are already at the halfway point of this school year!

As we enter the third quarter, Eastern Christian School is preparing for an accreditation visit from the Middle States Association. Over the course of the past 12 months, a planning team representing all stakeholders in the EC community (board members, faculty, administration, students, parents, and community members) has met to review data and set goals. A massive self-study report has been submitted to MSA for their review prior to the visit, and our school is now preparing for the actual visit in early March.

Paul writes to the Corinthian believers (2 Cor 13:5) and challenges them to examine themselves to prove that they are in the faith. They weren't to assume that everything was OK without a close look at the facts. The process of re-accreditation - examining ourselves - happens every 7 years, although many of the self-examinations are ongoing within our community. It has been both encouraging (seeing how we have grown over the past several years) and challenging (identifying areas in need of growth/refinement and setting goals for that growth/refinement). Although examining yourself (and really being honest with what you see!) can be painful, it is a process that you could argue is necessary for growth. We are looking forward to getting feedback from the MSA team and striving to meet the goals we make for ourselves as a school.

Grace and Peace,  
Dan Lazor, ECMS Principal

### **School News:**

*Pizza order forms* are overdue! You may still send it in if you want to ensure that your child will receive pizza hot lunch. The order is for the period starting Thursday, January 12 - April 13. The order form is available on the Nest, [www.ecmsnest.com](http://www.ecmsnest.com).

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!**

**SAVE THE DATE: Robot Fight Night is back ([video here](#))!** One of last year's most amazing events is back in full force! On **Friday, January 13, at 7:00PM**, at Eastern Christian Middle School, 8 ECHS student-designed Robots will battle it out to become Robot Fight Night champion! Don't miss out on the fun!

**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 is included in your child's Friday Folder today and may be accessed by going to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://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:**

**The Winter Carnival is coming on January 27!** See the attached flyer for details and permission slip.

**Help Needed** - to make the night a success we need volunteers to run the games and make donations of prizes. To volunteer or ask a question, email [lyndavincenti@easternchristian.org](mailto:lyndavincenti@easternchristian.org)

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 10, 8:30 am, in the Barn

### **After School News:**

Registration for our Winter Clubs is still open for students in grades K-6. Sign-up for the available spots in cooking, spanish, and builders club! Check out our website for descriptions. <http://www.easternchristian.org/schools/elementary-school/after-school/>. Register by filing out the form at this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/oFCa1M0aePoW5FgC3> If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Mulcock at [elizabethmulcock@easternchristian.org](mailto:elizabethmulcock@easternchristian.org). Clubs are held at ECES.

### **Foundation Office News & ECSA Announcements:**

Eastern Christian School is proud to announce the start of **Saturday School**, launching next semester! Classes and events are available for all ages, everything from SAT/ACT Prep for high school students, to Ceramics and Photoshop for any adult in the EC community. Elementary and middle school students are also reminded to come to our CoderDojo club and do some hands-on learning! [Click here](#) for the full calendar of events and to register!

### **TRIP:**

**TRIP SCHEDULE:** Monday orders will be accepted in any school office by 9 a.m. on January 9. The TRIP Store is open 8am until noon every Friday. There is a **NEW LOCATION!** The TRIP Store is now operating from the Eastern Christian Middle School, 518 Sicomac Avenue, 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 help you set your account up 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!**

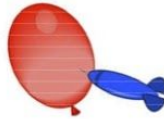
**KEEP SCROLLING FOR FLYERS!**

# ANNUAL ECMS WINTER CARNIVAL

Friday, January 27, 2017

7PM - 9PM in the ECMS Gym

**THIS event is For ECMS Students ONLY**



**CARNIVAL GAMES, SNACKS, PRIZES\*...and FUN!**



**SPONSORED by the ECMS PTO  
and CHAPERONED by PTO, parent  
and HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS.**



**\*PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING a prize to our carnival!**

**\*\* ALL STUDENTS are asked to stay in the gym during the event \*\***

I give my child, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to attend the ECMS Carnival, Jan. 27<sup>nd</sup> from 7PM – 9PM at ECMS. Enclosed is the fee to cover the cost of admission to the carnival. \$10 per child or \$20 for families with multiple ECMS students – please make checks payable to “ECMS PTO”

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone during the event: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return permission slip and fees by Monday, Jan. 23<sup>th</sup>**

**Prize donations should also be dropped off by Monday, Jan. 23<sup>th</sup>**

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**EASTERN CHRISTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**YEARBOOK TODAY!**

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\*By phone: 1-866-287-3096

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**Order Form**

I want to order:

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~~Yearbook \$40~~

Order by December 23, 2016

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~~Yearbook & Name Stamp \$45~~

Order by December 23, 2016

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Yearbook \$50

\* Order by February 15, 2017 \*

Enclosed is a check for \_\_\_\_\_

Amount

Check should be written to ECMS

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Name of student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name to appear on name stamp (if purchased)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

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Date

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