



EASTERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Eastern Christian Middle School Weekly Home Bulletin

October 14, 2016

Next Week:

Monday: TRIP due 9am
Tuesday: Small Groups Meet
Parents in Prayer 1st Meeting 1pm at ECMS

Wed-Fri: 7th Grade to Spruce Lake

Coming Up:

Wednesday, October 25: NNJCSA Spelling Bee at Abundant Life Academy
Thursday, October 27, 7:00PM: **Thrivent Financial Parent Seminar**
Wednesday - Friday, November 2-4: **Parent-Teacher Conferences**
Thursday, November 3 & Friday, November 4: **NO SCHOOL** (Parent-Teacher Conferences)
Wednesday, November 9: **School Picture Retakes**
Wednesday, November 16: 8th Grade ECHS Preview Day

Message From the Principal:

Every week, there are events that happen that bring a flood of different (positive!) emotions. Sometimes I remember to share them with others (and I apologize for when I don't). Middle school kids can often surprise us. Yes, they have their faults - see, for example, the pile of clothing in our boys' and girls' locker rooms! However, they are learning to make choices each day that honor our God, themselves, and each other.

Last week, I had the privilege of watching our 8th grade small group leaders take a step of faith to bring attention to an issue that was bothering them. These students did not like the way the class as a whole was using humor to "roast" one another. The roasting was "done in fun," but was likely hurtful and was certainly not edifying to those on the receiving end. These leaders had a desire to see this activity stop - and were willing to stand before their peers and present that challenge. And that's exactly what they did.

In marched these 20 leaders to stand before their fellow classmates, and with increasing boldness, they shared their desire to see this "fun" stopped in our school community. The

response was positive, and these students' confidence grew as they stood shoulder to shoulder and challenged their peers to a higher calling. It is something I could have very easily addressed as principal, but was all the more powerful because it came from our 8th graders.

Quick hits:

- Our Lost & Found is growing! Please remind your child(ren) to check for missing things. We will clean it out at the end of the first quarter (during conferences - you can check then too!)
- Pray for our 7th grade students who will be at Spruce Lake next Wednesday - Friday
- Check Realtime! The end of the quarter is coming, but there is still time to address areas of concern.

God Bless,
Dan Lazor, ECMS Principal

School News:

Art Department Request for Supplies: The Art Department is in need of the following for upcoming projects all year: Paper towel rolls (lots of them!), toilet paper rolls, 1-liter plastic bottles, egg cartons, and lids of take out containers or deli containers. Please drop them off in the school office. Thank you!

Parents in Prayer: This group will meet for the first time this year on **Tuesday, October 18**, at **1:00pm** in the MS Conference Room. We will pray for our school and discuss plans for this group going forward. All EC parents are invited.

ECMS Parent-Teacher Conferences Sign-Up: Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place Wednesday evening, November 2, 6:30-9:00pm, Thursday, November 3, 8:00am-4:00pm, and 6:30-9:00pm, and Friday, November 4, from 8:00am-4:00pm. **There is no school on Thursday and Friday, November 3 & 4. All 5th grade parents should sign up for conferences.** If you have not signed up and still need to, [click here](#) to **view** the available times, and then email gloriatenewitz@easternchristian.org, give your child's name, grade, teacher's name(s) (for 7th and 8th grades and Encore teachers), and your first, second and third choices of times/days. Slots are almost filled, so please take a look today and let us know your availability. Thank you!

PTO News

- The first submission of **Box Tops for Education** must be submitted this month. Please send in your Box Tops this week!
- **It's not too late to volunteer!** Please consider sharing your talents by joining one or more PTO teams. Please email LyndaVincenti@EasternChristian.org to learn how to get involved.

Order Your Yearbook Soon! The order form is coming home in Friday Folders today, but you can also get it by scrolling down for the flyer with all the information you need to order a 2017 ECMS Yearbook. Get your order in soon and save money! There will be a Yearbook Signing Day in June when a bit of time is set aside for students to have fun getting their yearbooks signed by their friends and teachers. It's a day when those who did not order one, wish they had!

Foundation Office News & ECSA Announcements:

HOMECOMING IS ALMOST HERE! www.easternchristian.org/homecoming

Family Fun Fair for kids PreK - Middle School is on Sat 10/22 @ ECMS 2 - 4 pm

You may buy Tickets Now! Tickets for ALL ACTIVITIES like Laser Tag, Cake Walk, Carnival Games, Face Painting & More! BBQ immediately following the Family Fun Fair - includes burgers, hot dogs, corn dogs, mac n' cheese, potato salad, garden salad, cookies and more! Tickets: Adults \$10, Students \$8, Kids \$5 - also available on line.

Apple Pie Contest and Chili Cook Off!

6 Spots left in the Apple Pie Contest and

4 Spots left in the Chili Cook Off

*email katieta@easternchristian.org to register for Sat 10/22 contest

Judges Prize and People's Choice Awards

Runners welcome!

Register for the EC5K at www.raceforum.com/ec5k on Sat Oct 22nd.

ALUMNI BEACH VOLLEYBALL GAME

Sat Oct 22nd 2:30 - 4 pm - Women & Men welcome to play @ ECMS

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.

Midland Park CRC (183 Godwin Ave, Midland Park) invites everyone to their **Family Fun Day** on Saturday, October 15 from noon - 4 p.m. There will be something for everyone, including food, a bounce house, classic car show, and more! We hope to see you there!

Come out and support the Cedar Hill



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Monday, Oct. 24, from 6:30-8:30

In the Fellowship Hall

At Cedar Hill CRC

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Thrivent Financial Parent Seminar - October 27, 7:00PM:



For most families sending their kids to college and dealing with the cost of that endeavor is not a matter of if or when – the question is HOW? How are we going to pay for it (and for our other children after them), how much debt will we or our child have to incur for their degree, how do we choose a school that's a good fit for my child academically and for our family financially? Our educational presentation gives families a glimpse into the future and allows them at the very least to understand the different aspects that go into answering these questions and at the very best a way to begin to plan so that these questions are answered well in advance of the arrival of that first semester's tuition bill.

Bill has been with Thrivent for 4 years, prior to that he worked in Student Lending for JP Morgan Chase and in Financial Aid at NYU, Fordham University, and the School for Film and Television. In all he has spent about 25 years in and around Higher Education financing. As a Financial Associate at Thrivent with the Certified College Planning Specialist credential he enjoys helping families prepare for and navigate the daunting process of paying for college. He and his wife serve in the Youth Group in the congregation they attend and Bill serves on the Board of Directors for the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate as the Chair of Church Relations. They live in Saratoga Springs, NY with their four sons.

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.



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Volunteers Needed

ditto of North Jersey, is seeking volunteers for a number of positions with flexible hours.

Our volunteers enjoy a community atmosphere of friendship and support. Over the past six years, ditto of North Jersey has not only made significant contributions to Eastern Christian School, but has established a reputation of providing excellent quality items (clothing, appliances, housewares, toys, etc) at exceptional prices to those who live in the surrounding communities, especially Haledon, Prospect Park, and Paterson.

In addition to supporting Christian education, ditto makes regular contributions to CUMAC (Center of United Methodist Aid to the Community), New Hope Community Ministries, Salvation Army, Carey Christian Services, Paterson Habitat for Humanity, Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center, and Baby Bank.

- **Cashiers**
 - Shifts available Tuesday through Friday, 10AM-1PM and 1PM-4PM
 - No experience necessary, training will be provided
- **Electronics (small appliances, lamps, toys, etc)**
 - Each item that is donated needs to be tested for proper operation, cleaned, and prepped for sale
 - Shifts available any day, Monday through Saturday; as many or as few hours as you are available
 - This work has traditionally been done by male volunteers but is open to all
- **Stockroom or Sales**
 - Process and sort donations
 - Price and tag items for the sales floor
 - Place items on the sales floor and maintain display areas
 - Shifts available any day Monday through Saturday; as many or as few hours as you are available

Join the team and join the fun! Contact Deb Tanis for details and information at 973-423-4886