EASTERN CHRISTIAN
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Eastern Christian Middle School
Weekly Home Bulletin

October 21, 2016

Next Week:

Monday:	TRIP due 9am
Tuesday:	Chapel 12:45pm
Wednesday:	NNJCSA Spelling Bee at Abundant Life Academy
Thursday:	**Thrivent Financial Parent Seminar**

Coming Up:
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:
As I write this, I am somewhere in the hills of eastern Pennsylvania, watching as our 7th grade students are challenged to trust one another, trust themselves, and, most importantly, trust in God. This annual retreat is a great time of team building and character building among the students. I am especially thankful that the rainy weather has held off - that we were able to enjoy all of the outdoor activities that have been planned for us without having to worry about being wet. Thank you to all who have been praying for our trip, for our students and the leaders, our safety, and the lessons that will have been learned through this experience. It's a privilege to be a part of our students' lives in such a meaningful way, to be able to encourage and disciple them in their spiritual walk and to partner with you - their parents - as we strive to bring up young Christian leaders with a vision and desire to influence the world for Christ.

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!)
- **Arriving to School on Time:** Because we start each day with devotions and prayer, it is essential that students arrive on time so they may be a part of that important time in their advisories, and also not disrupt the intended Focus. **Planning on arriving by 8:00 am**

(the bell rings at 8:10) gives students a chance to transition ***smoothly*** into the start of the school day, and also may help students avoid being late due to unforeseen circumstances, like daily traffic.

God Bless,
Dan Lazor, ECMS Principal

School News:

Pick up & Drop off:
For those parents who drive their child to school in the morning and pick up in the afternoon, please keep in mind the following:
AM Drop off:

1. Please make sure your child is prepared to exit the car quickly to help speed up the process.
2. Pull your vehicle all the way to the front of the line before stopping to let your child out (even past the front doors).
3. Do not exit your vehicle. If you do need to stop in the office, please use a parking spot.

PM Pick up:

1. Pull your vehicle all the way to the front of the line before stopping to pick up your child.
2. Do not exit your vehicle. If you do need to stop in the office, please use a parking spot.

Art Department Request for Supplies: The Art Department is in need of the following for upcoming projects all year: Paper towel cardboard inner rolls (lots of them!), toilet paper cardboard inner 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!

ECMS Parent-Teacher Conferences: Wednesday evening, November 2, 6:30-9:00pm, Thursday, November 3, 8:00am-4:00pm, and 6:30-9:00pm, and Friday, November 4, 8:00am-4:00pm. **All 5th grade parents should sign up for conferences.** If you have not signed up and still need to, OR, you want to **check your own scheduled conference(s)**, please click here to **view** the available times. Slots are almost and filled, so please take a look today and let us know your availability if you have not already signed up. **There is no school on Thursday and Friday, November 3 & 4**. Thank you!

Athletes and Parents: Register for Winter sports NOW! In our continuing efforts to simplify the registration process for athletic participation, we are excited to now share the new process that involves less duplication of effort and a user friendly format. If your son or daughter hopes to participate in a Winter sport for high school or middle school, you must register online HERE **prior to November 16**. This deadline will give us the ability to create rosters and communicate about practice sessions. You can also access the registration from the school website www.easternchristian.org by clicking **'Athletic Registration'** under the **'Athletics'** tab. Medical Information at the bottom of the registration form: Please enter any medical conditions

(concussion etc.) and epi pen or inhaler in the Medications section. See the attached easy to follow PDF instructions and REGISTER NOW to ensure eligibility on opening day! Please remember that a **completed hard copy of the Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (PPE) physical form or the Health History Update Form must be submitted to the school nurse in addition to completing the online registration**. All forms are available on the registration site. If you have any questions please contact barryveenstra@easternchristian.org or jeffbotbyl@easternchristian.org Thank you for your continued support for EC Athletics!
Attachment: EC_First Time registration Guide1.pdf
Attachment: EC_ Returning Users Guide1.pdf

PTO News

- Keep saving and sending in **Box Tops for Education**!
- **It's never 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! Scroll 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!

Student Service Opportunity: As you know, all students are required to perform 5 Christian Service Hours per year. Nicoletta, the activities director at Lakeview Nursing Home in Wayne has advised us that they would LOVE to have students visit with the residents to read Our Daily Bread, other devotionals and/or the Bible to them, play guitar or other instrument and sing to them, play games, such as checkers, with them, and just talk and listen with them. If your child would like to serve in this way, and/or possibly form a group of friends to serve with, please call Nicoletta at the Nursing Home at 973-616-5812. Students or parents who call should inform Nicoletta that you are from Eastern Christian Middle School. Thank you!

Foundation Office News & ECSA Announcements:

HOMECOMING

Today is the last day to purchase tickets to Homecoming online and cut down on registration time upon arrival. Visit www.easternchristian.org\homecoming

Buy tickets for Family Fun Fair, BBQ and/or Alumni Heritage Dinner. All of the other 9 events are free! See the website for times and details.

SEEKING MANNEQUINS

Do you have a mannequin or know someone who might and would be willing to let us borrow it for the night of the Fashion Show, Tuesday Dec 6, 4-10pm?
Please email katietarta@easternchristian.org Thanks!

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.

Come out and support the Cedar Hill

GEMS Girls' Clubs

Raise $$ for

STOP HUNGER NOW

Monday, Oct. 24, from 6:30-8:30
In the Fellowship Hall
At Cedar Hill CRC
422 Cedar Hill Ave.
Wyckoff

We will be selling Almond Paste for your holiday baking and
The new trends from LuLaRoe!

LuLaRoe
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Order Form

I want to order:

- ☐ Yearbook $40
  Order by December 23
- ☐ Yearbook & Name Stamp $45
  Order by December 23
- ☐ Yearbook $50

Enclosed is a check for _____
Amount

Check should be written to ECMS

_____
Name of student

_____
Name to appear on name stamp (if purchased)

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Name of parent

_____ _____
Grade Date

You may order your yearbook using your credit cart by calling the toll-free number

1-866-287-3096

or order online at

www.yearbookordercenter.com

Enter school job

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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