



**EASTERN CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL**

**Eastern Christian Middle School
Weekly Home Bulletin**

November 4, 2016

Next Week:

Monday: TRIP due 9am
Tuesday: Small Groups
Wednesday: **School Picture Retakes**

Coming Up:

Tuesday, November 15: **Service Hours performed during Quarter 1 are due**
Wednesday, November 16: **8th Grade ECHS Preview Day**
November 29 - December 2: MS Basketball Tryouts (**Girls 11/29 & 12/1; Boys 11/30 & 12/2**)

Message From the Principal:

In his 1992 book, *Technopoly*, Neil Postman makes the assertion that technological innovations rarely (or never) have a one-sided effect. Although there are benefits to new technologies, there are also negative effects which we fail to take into account. Any society that has reached the “technopoly” stage, as in America, for example, accepts new technology without considering these adverse effects of its use. Writing this book in 1992, Postman likely would not have imagined the excitement that accompanies the release of the next _____ (fill in the blank with the latest tech: iphone, camera, drone, game system...)

A recent article in the [Washington Post](#) reminded me of Postman’s book when it highlighted the possible link between children’s sleeplessness and screen time. The lack of sleep potentially caused by excess screen time, in turn, contributes to a whole host of other issues, including mood swings, appetite changes, anxiety, and hyperactivity.

As a parent, I have often thought of Postman’s sentiments after the fact - once the new gadget has captivated us, or has been brought into our home. The technology is good, or fun, or convenient, but what are the negative effects of having it exist and be so readily available in our home? As an educator, I sometimes wonder about the level of technology available to our students in their homes and the type of impact it is having on the way they think, learn, interact, or feel while at school.

Like Postman, Paul likely could have never imagined the changing impact technology has on our culture when he penned his letter to the Corinthians:

“All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up.
(1 Cor 10:23)

These are sobering thoughts that perhaps deserve some reflection time as we think about the best ways to support our children/students as they grow and learn into people of Christian vision and influence. Thanks for partnering with us in that mission!

Quick Reminders:

- Service Hours performed during Quarter 1 are due by **Tuesday, November 15**.
- Any **Lost & Found** left after this weekend will be donated to *ditto*. Please remind your child to check the tables in the lobby. *NOTE: If it has your child's name on it, we will return it to them :-)*

God Bless,
Dan Lazor, ECMS Principal

School News:

Ski Club! Scroll down for all the information about the ECMS Ski/Snowboarding Club. There will be 4 trips to Mountain Creek after school on 4 Mondays. For more information, contact Tom Wiegiers at 973-897-7593 or tbwiegers@gmail.com.

Arriving to School ON TIME: Because we begin 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 and detours. It also gives them time to socialize with their friends before school starts, which is always a great way to begin the school day!

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.

Athletes and Parents: Register for Winter sports NOW! 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](#)

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!

The 2016-2017 digital edition of the **ECSA Student Directory** is now available via **Real Time**.

Order Your Yearbook Soon and save money!! Scroll down for the flyer with all the information you need to order a 2017 ECMS Yearbook. 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: 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:

Fashion Show, Holiday Shoppe with Silent Auction, Tuesday, 12/6: Tickets are now available for the Fashion Show and Holiday Shoppe. The Holiday Shoppe will feature Holiday Themed Cash & Carry items in the \$10-\$20 price point and up, as a pop-up storefront for such vendors as: Shaklee Health & Wellness, Kristen Dahl Boutique, Maya (artistic accessories), Little Skye Children's Boutique, Femmebot, Premier Jewelry, J. Shotmeyer Designs, Touchstone Jewelry and Lydia Larson Art Studio.

Giving Tuesday: Keep your eye out for #GivingTuesday details with our new Text2Give campaign on Tuesday 11/29!

TRIP:

New Location!: Effective January 6, 2017, the TRIP Store will be relocating here at Eastern Christian Middle School, 518 Sicomac Ave., Wyckoff, NJ.

Barnes & Noble Night: Stock up on your gift cards for Eastern Christian's Barnes & Noble Night to be held on **Tuesday, December 13**. Not only will this be beneficial for your TRIP account, but EC will be getting a double bonus - once for purchasing your gift card, and then by the proceeds of your sale!

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 meet with you to set up your account and to guide you through the ordering process. You can also go to www.easternchristian.org for instructions on how to sign up.

Questions? Call or text Sharon at 201-650-7056. **"LIKE" Eastern Christian TRIP on Facebook!**

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Attention

All Skiers and Snowboarders

Announcing the formation
of the ECMS
Ski/Snowboarding Club!



We will be sponsoring 4 trips to Mountain Creek (Mondays afterschool). Information packets will be provided in the school lobby on Wednesday morning, November 2nd.

You can also contact the club sponsor,
Tom Wiegers at 973-897-7593 or
tbwiegers@gmail.com.

Discounted passes for the whole family
will also be available for purchase online.