



EASTERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Eastern Christian Middle School Weekly Home Bulletin

December 9, 2016

Next Week:

- Monday: TRIP due 9am
Tuesday: Small Groups
Barnes & Noble Night, Music Concert at B&N
Thursday: Coffee with the Principal - Internet Safety Discussion

Coming Up:

- Dec. 22: Class Christmas Parties organized by PTO
Normal school time - School ends at 3:00pm!
Pizza orders due
Dec. 23: First Day of Christmas Break - No School - Merry Christmas!
Jan. 3: First day back to school, 2017

Message From the Principal:

On Thursday evening, we had a brilliant performance by our ensemble groups (band, choruses, and orchestra) which reflected the many hours of practice and the masterful direction of our Music department staff. Attending Christmas concerts is something that we have come to expect as a part of our Christmas season schedules. Of course we go to support our children our those whom we know that are performing, but there is also a bit of joy that comes from immersing yourself in the traditions of the Christmas season. A sentimentality of things remembered - families members and holidays past - come flooding back as you take in these types of Christmas events.

Even more importantly, the events of this season have the effect of preparing us for the celebration of our Savior's birth. They rightly focus our attention not on the way we celebrate Christmas, but the Reason we do. For me, there is something about the language of Christmas carols and the theology contained in them that stirs up the reminders about Who Christ is and what He did by stepping down into Creation.

One of my favorite lines was added to O Come O Come Emmanuel in the early 1900's. The verse includes the title for Jesus as "Desire of nations." Each time I hear the verse, I think of the striving that happens around the world as people and/or nations vie for power and for peace. Ironically, that peace has already been won, and is freely offered to all. Yet it is not in power as the world sees it that this peace is obtained - it comes in the form of a baby. As the angel proclaimed, "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." That which we desire, has come to us.

Merry Christmas,
Dan Lazor, ECMS Principal

PTO News:

- The PTO will be organizing the **ECMS Staff Christmas Gift** collection and the **ECMS Staff's Christmas Brunch** again this year. **The flyer is in the Friday Folder and may also be found below.**
- **HELP WANTED:** We are looking for someone to head up the games for the **Winter Carnival** on **January 27**. Please contact Lynda Vincenti for more information - lyndavincenti@easternchristian.org
- The pizza order form for January 12 - April 13 is now available on the Nest. It will also come home in next week's Friday folder. *Please* return the forms in a timely manner - you won't have to worry about your child having a lunch and the correct amount of pizza will be ordered!

School News:

There are LOTS of flyers attached! Keep scrolling to see all the information!

There is also LOTS of Lost & Found at the Middle School. We are going to clean out the items before Christmas - look for them on the tables in the lobby!


Barnes & Noble Concert Night: Keep the Christmas season going and come out to Barnes & Noble on Route 17 South in Paramus this **Tuesday, December 13, 6 p.m.** to hear our talented MS and HS music groups perform Christmas songs and other favorites! Use the voucher in Friday Folders (or print out below) and EC will get a portion of the proceeds!

8th Grade Parents!: Don't forget to congratulate your child with an ad in the yearbook! The absolute deadline for ads is ***February 15***, so plan it and get it in soon! And don't forget to buy a yearbook too! (Scroll down for the order form!)

Order Your Yearbook by December 23 (before Christmas break) and save!! After that, the price will be going **UP, UP, UP!** 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!**

Tennis Rackets Needed - Do you have a tennis racket you are no longer using that you would like to donate for a tennis unit in P.E. class this year? If so, please send it in with your child. Thank you!

Winter After School Clubs: Fun and exciting clubs for students in **grades K-6!** To see descriptions and to register, visit our website by [clicking here](#) or scrolling down. Any questions, contact Elizabeth Mulcock at elizabethmulcock@easternchristian.org. Clubs are held at ECES.



Christmas Gift 2016

Dear Parents,

Each year a Christmas gift collection is taken for teachers and staff of Eastern Christian Middle School. Since your child may have as many as eight teachers, we feel a combined gift from parents conveys our gratitude most adequately. This gift of money shows our appreciation for the dedication and Christian commitment extended to our students throughout the school year.

Here is how it works. Monetary gift contributions are collected and dispersed to all staff of ECMS based on the percentage of hours an individual works. We will provide the money gifts to teachers and staff in personalized Christmas cards before vacation begins. Your gift will enable them to enjoy a special dinner or to shop at a favorite store.

If you would like to contribute to this gift collection, please enclose cash or a check made payable to ECMS in an envelope marked "Christmas Gift" by Friday, December 16th. All gift contributions will remain confidential.

Thank you for partnering with us as we honor those who so faithfully serve the Eastern Christian Middle School Community.

Have a Blessed Christmas Season!

*Anne Spatz
ECMS Parent*

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!

Brainstorm Tutoring & Arts, in honor of its ten year anniversary, is providing *unlimited* free academic mentorship. They have extended the application deadline to **December 25**. [Click Here](#) for more information, and see the form below.

TRIP:

TRIP SCHEDULE: Monday orders will be accepted in any school office by 9 a.m. on December 12 and 19. The TRIP Store is open 8am until noon every Friday, **EXCEPT December 23 and 30**, due to the Christmas holiday season. There will, however, be **additional hours** for the Christmas season, Thursday evenings from 5-7 p.m. on December 15 and 22.

NEW LOCATION: *Effective JANUARY 6, 2017*, the TRIP Store will be relocating to the Middle School.

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!**

BARNES & NOBLE NIGHT:

Stock up on your gift cards for Eastern Christian's Barnes and Noble Night to be held on **Tuesday, December 13**. This will benefit your TRIP account, and EC will be getting a double bonus, once for purchasing your gift card, and then by the proceeds of your sale! Bring the flyer below with the voucher attached!

**SAVE
THE DATE**

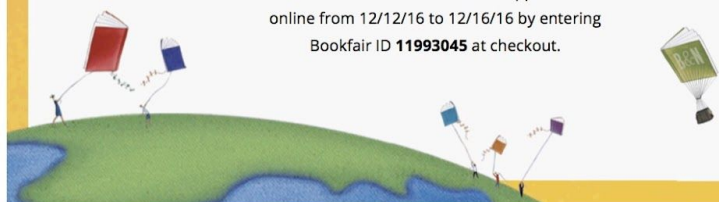
Eastern Christian School
**Barnes & Noble
Bookfair**

**Tuesday, December 13, 2016
6:30-8:30 pm
765 Route 17 South, Paramus, NJ**

Listen to all the ECMS and ECHS
music ensembles perform
while you shop!

Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us
online from 12/12/16 to 12/16/16 by entering
Bookfair ID **11993045** at checkout.



Barnes & Noble Bookfair

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**Eastern Christian School
Music Department**

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Barnes & Noble

765 Route 17 South, Paramus, NJ

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Please present this voucher prior to making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be contributed to your school/organization.*

*The purchase of gift cards, Barnes & Noble memberships, textbooks, magazine subscriptions, video games, purchases made at Cafés owned and operated by Starbucks, and other items Barnes & Noble may exclude from time to time in its sole discretion are not eligible for bookfair sales. Institutional discounts may not be applied. See BN.COM/bookfairs for more details and to shop online.

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HIGH, MIDDLE &
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Library Wish List

CHILDREN'S BOOKSTORE

ONLINE BOOK FAIR

Join our online book fair with
Children's Bookstore!

Our book fair dates are

28 November - 12 December

It's easy to participate in our book fair:

- 1 Visit www.childrensbookstore.com
- 2 Select the books you can't wait to read
- 3 Enter our code at checkout.

The code is

ECES2016

We earn 30% of every book purchased from our
online book fair!

Get online and start shopping today!

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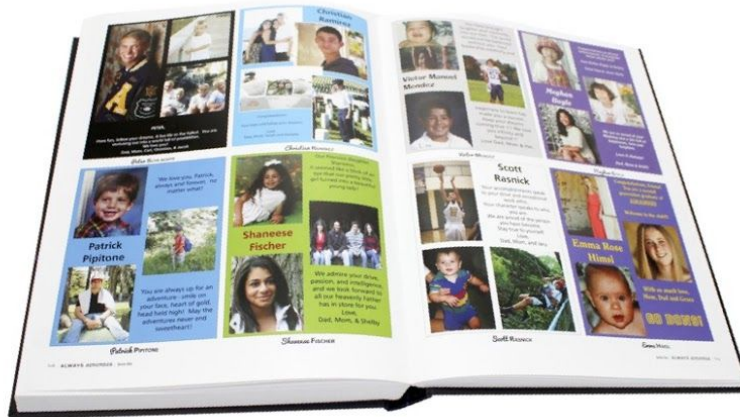
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RECOGNIZE YOUR STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS.

Celebrate Your Child's Success!

Purchase an ad that will live in the yearbook forever.



Eastern Christian Middle School

\$150 Full Page Ad

\$100 Half Page Ad

\$75 Quarter Page Ad

It's easy to create your ad, simply log on to our secure website and select Buy A Yearbook Ad. Don't forget to order the yearbook!
YearbookOrderCenter.com

Your order number is shown below. Please have it handy when you log in to order.

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BUY YOUR 2017

EASTERN CHRISTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEARBOOK TODAY!

Buy your yearbook early for the best price!

3 ways to order!

*Bring this order form and check to the main office

*By phone: 1-866-287-3096

*Order online: www.yearbookordercenter.com

Order Form

I want to order:

Yearbook \$40
Order by December 23, 2016

Yearbook & Name Stamp \$45
Order by December 23, 2016

Yearbook \$50
Order by February 15, 2017

Enclosed is a check for _____
Amount

Check should be written to ECMS

Name of student

Name to appear on name stamp (if purchased)

Name of parent

Grade

Date

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

1-866-287-3096

or order online at

www.yearbookordercenter.com

Enter school job

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SATURDAY SCHOOL



SALES TRAINING

Serious class for high school upperclassmen and adults about of the art of being a salesman. Sales professional Bob Genuario will guide students through a 4 week program to enhance and develop sales skills.

COST: \$50 per high school Jr/Sr & College Student
\$100 per adult

TIMES: 9:00am-10:30am
DATES: February 25, March 4, 11, 18

PHOTOSHOP WORKSHOP

Learn from Eastern Christian art teacher Jesse Wright about how to use photoshop. This hands on 5 week workshop will teach you the basics of using, and editing with photoshop. Basic computer skills are required. Ages 18 and older.

COST: \$80 per person

TIMES: 10:00am - 12:00pm
DATES: April 29, May 6, 13 (optional), 20, 27

CERAMICS

Come and learn to create with clay! Techniques in hand-building will be taught, including pinch pot, slab, coil and decorating. All pieces will be glazed and fired, and will be food, microwave, oven and dishwasher safe! Ages 18 and older.

COST: \$170 per person

TIMES: 10:00am-12:00pm
DATES: February 25, March 4, 11, 18

CODERDOJO

Come learn how to code! Make websites, robots, and more! This casual drop by club is for ages 7-13. *(7 years old to 8th grade). Students must be accompanied by an adult, so this is a great time to spend with your child and learn something new and fun.

COST: FREE!!!

TIMES: 10:00am-12:00pm
DATES: January 21, February 18, March 18

SAT/ ACT PREP

Provided by Brainstorm tutoring. Highly effective SAT and ACT prep classes by the best tutoring center around. Brainstorm consistently raises SAT scores 300-400 points and ACT scores by 4-7 composite points. Class includes 18 hours of class instruction and 2 simulated tests, books and materials. Registration closes one week prior to the start of each class. Contact Tyffany to register by emailing her at: class@stormthetest.com or calling (201)705-2038. www.stormthetest.com

FOR TAKING THE MARCH 11 SAT

COST: \$615 (Savings of \$161)
TIMES: 9:00am-12:00pm
DATES: 1/7 through 3/4 (Saturdays)

FOR TAKING APRIL 8TH ACT

COST: \$615 (Savings of \$161)
TIMES: 9:00am-12:00pm
DATES: 2/11 through 4/1 (Saturdays)

REGISTER NOW!

www.easternchristian.org/SaturdaySchool



EASTERN CHRISTIAN
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Winter After School Clubs



“CLUB INVENTION” - BOULDER BUILDERS (\$135)

DESCRIPTION: In the Boulder Builders Club, children join engineer, architect, and builder “Archie Tek” in the restoration of a town called “Unlucky”. Children create and test various structures for strength and stability! Children must design and create shelters for the townspeople that are strong enough to withstand the elements of nature. Children are charged with reconstruction and determining the strength of beam, arch and suspension bridges by building and testing prototypes. Lastly, Archie and the children turn to the animal world for inspiration on building sturdier structures. Children build various animal habitats, including a spider web, a burrowing animal tunnel and a birds nest. ECHS Math Teacher, Ian Zacharias, will be leading this class!

- Mondays @ ECES from 4:00-5:00 (grades 1-6)
- Dates: 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20
- MAX: 22 students

“SPECIAL LANGUAGE” - SPANISH CLUB (\$125)

DESCRIPTION: Give your child something to smile about learning Spanish in a fun, educational environment! Eastern Christian parent, Marjorie Delgado, will be leading this club for grades K-6, separated into 2 groups for grades K-3 & 4-6. An ideal extracurricular activity, the program is a convenient solution for extra language tutoring!

- Wednesdays @ ECES: 2 sections per age group: 3:30-4:30 (grades K-3) / 4:30-5:30 (grades 4-6)
- Dates: 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15
- MAX: 12/group

“COOKING CLUB” - CHEF IT UP! (\$125)

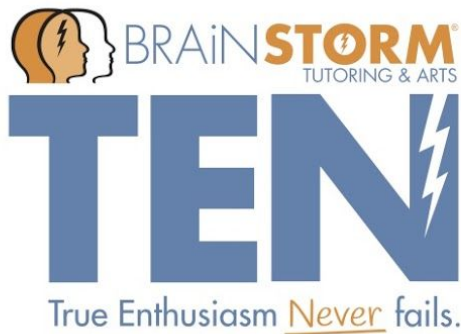
DESCRIPTION: (peanut free): Kids are the top chefs in our fun-filled program brought to you by the CHEF IT UP 2 GO - Bergen County Travel Team! Each week the menu and program changes, but the fun never ends! We will have classes using kitchen gadgets, have totally cool cooking battles, visit different countries and try new foods, conduct fun experiments with food science and much more! We are 100% peanut and tree nut free! So take it from the folks that make kids and food a great mix and enroll today! (Note: This class will be using gluten and dairy).

- Thursdays @ ECES from 3:30-4:30 (grades K-6)
- Dates: 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9 & 3/16
- MAX: 24 students

HOW TO REGISTER!

Go to link: <https://goo.gl/forms/XThWxh9qXAb124n83> or visit our website, www.Easternchristian.org, click on “Elementary”, “After School” and scroll down to “Winter After School Clubs”. Clubs are first come, first served. Payment is due on or before the first day of Club. Checks made to: “ECSA”. Payment can be sent into school with your child, or mailed to: ECES, 25 Baldin Dr., Midland Park, NJ 07432. **ATTENTION: After School Program**

In honor of its 10-year anniversary, local academic powerhouse BrainStorm Tutoring & Arts is proud to announce a new scholarship initiative:



Who is BrainStorm?

BrainStorm is Bergen County's premier network of academic mentors, specializing in K-College school subjects, test prep, and admissions coaching. It is the brainchild of Scott and Ashley Doty, Bergen County natives, who wanted to create a more customized, relational, and enthusiastic way for local students to experience "Dominance on Test Day. Confidence for Life."

What is TEN?

True Enthusiasm Never fails is a scholarship program in honor of BrainStorm's 10-year anniversary. During the 2016-2017 school year, **BrainStorm will provide unlimited, free academic mentorship** - via private sessions and/or membership in our unique BLAST small-group program in Franklin Lakes - **to TEN students who live in or near Bergen County.** Of the ten, five will be juniors, whom we will take through both schoolwork and SAT/ACT prep, and five will be from any other grade, K-College.



Who Qualifies?

Students must show evidence of two things:
-Enthusiasm for learning
-Financial need



How Do I Apply?

Email us at ten@stormthetest.com to introduce yourself. Students will then be required to submit evidence of intellectual enthusiasm (projects, essays/videos, recommendation letters, etc). Email us for more information.

www.stormthetest.com
201-847-8676



BrainStorm believes that true enthusiasm is the key to unlocking every student's unique genius and is excited to reward it. **Applications are due by November 15.**

Don't just take the test... STORM IT!!!