



EASTERN CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL

Eastern Christian Elementary School Home Bulletin

“Engaging the Mind, Nurturing the Spirit, Transforming the World!”

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Next Week at a Glance:

- Mon., Nov. 21:** TRIP due at any school office by 9:00am sharp
Tues., Nov. 22: 8:30 am – Thanksgiving Chapel – presented by Grade 4
Wed., Nov. 23: Snack Day- **Grapes** – Don’t forget your quarters!
ECES **Spirit Day** – Wear your favorite EC shirt
Noon Dismissal – No Extended Day or After School Program
Nov. 24 & 25: No School – Happy Thanksgiving!

A Message from Mrs. Sandra Bottge, Principal

Each year at ECES, we teach our students about our Eastern Christian Core Values. Our Core Values were articulated about 5 years ago as a part of our Middle States Accreditation process. These values are rooted in God’s Word and serve as a guide on how we should live God-honoring lives. We look for ways to live out our values as a community of believers.

We **Seek Truth** at EC in our daily devotions, weekly chapel services, our Bible lessons and in our discipline process. Students **Serve Others** on service teams such as 4th grade playground supervisors, 3rd grade pledge leaders and kindergarten line leaders. This year, we **Embraced Community** by writing letters to first responders in Midland Park and sending thank you cards to veterans. We **Exhibited Compassion** by collecting money for families in Haiti, filling up Boxes of Love for Star of Hope missions and collecting food for New Hope Community Ministries. We continually work on **Developing Responsibility** and **Striving for Excellence** in our schoolwork and our relationships with others. We trust that students will internalize these values and continue to exhibit them throughout their lives.

SEEK TRUTH: To actively look for God

“I am the way, the Truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

SERVE OTHERS: To help or assist people near and far

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.” I Peter 4:10

EMBRACE COMMUNITY: To take and hold a group of people

“In Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12:5

EXHIBIT COMPASSION: To show a strong feeling of sorrow or sadness for someone who is hurting and a desire to help them

“Be Kind and Compassionate to one another.” Ephesians 4:32

DEVELOP RESPONSIBILITY: To grow in being in charge of and trusted with important matters

“Do everything without complaining or arguing. Then you will be pure and without blame. You will be children of God without fault among sinful and evil people. Among those people you shine like lights in a dark world.” Philippians 2:14-15

STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE: The process of becoming better than you once were

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.” Colossians 3:23

Mark Your Calendars:

- Mon., Nov. 28:** TRIP orders due at any school office by 9:00am sharp
Tues., Nov. 29: 8:30 am – Chapel – Drama Team – Paralyzed Man
Wed., Nov. 30: Snack Day – Trail Mix - \$.25
Tues., Dec. 6: Fashion Show and Holiday Shoppe
Dec. 8 & 9: **Kids Holiday Shoppe**

Employment Opportunity: The After School Program is currently seeking an After School Assistant for Monday – Friday from 2:30-5:00pm or up to 6:00pm as needed. If you are interested or know of someone who may be, please contact Sandy Bottge at sandrabottge@easternchristian.org.

PTO News:

- **Holiday Shoppe:** Volunteers needed to help with Holiday Shoppe. Click this link to sign up: <http://signup.com/go/a7PyNy>
- **Online Book Fair:** 28 November - 12 December. Give the gift of reading this Christmas! Avoid the crowded malls and shop ECES online book fair, at the same time, you'll help ECES earn 30% for every book purchased, as well as a low-cost shipping option during the Book Fair. Find books to donate to Middle or High School Library as well as our own. From early reader to young adult. "*The more you read the more things you know. The more you learn the more places you'll go.*" Dr. Seuss
- **Mother/Son Night Out:** Looking for 2 volunteers to coordinate this event. Please e-mail us if you are interested.
- **Save the Date:** Parents in Prayer, Wednesday 14 December 2016 in the Art Room.

TRIP News:

TRIP Schedule: Monday orders will be accepted in any school office by 9 a.m. on the following dates: November 21 and 28. *All orders received on November 21 will be filled on Tuesday due to Thanksgiving. Late orders will not be accepted that week and some gift cards may be backordered.* The TRIP Store will be open from 8 until noon every **Friday except Friday, November 25.**

Additional TRIP Hours: The TRIP Store will once again have additional hours for the Christmas season. We will be open on Thursday evenings from 5-7 p.m. on the following dates: December 1, 8, 15, and 22. The TRIP Store will be closed on Friday, December 23 and 30 for the Christmas season.

Barnes & Noble Night: Stock up on your gift cards for Eastern Christian's Barnes and 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 the TRIP Office - (201) 650-7056.

Foundation News:

The Fashion Show:

- **Online Mobile Bidding:** See how to video <http://www.easternchristian.org/2016/11/10/ec-bidpal-101/>
- **Fashion Show Highlight:** Silent Auction Outfit available for bidding 48 hours prior to the event. Target Xhilaration - Size Small Bib Jumper in denim, 100% cotton; Limited availability in CA. Retail at about \$50, starting bid at \$20.

