



Eastern Christian Elementary School Home Bulletin

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Next Week at a Glance:

Mon., Sept. 4: No School – Labor Day

Tues., Sept. 5: 8:30 am – Chapel – EC Core Values
First Day of Preschool
Milk Orders Due

Fri., Sept. 8: Pizza order & payment due – No late orders will be accepted
PTO Back to School Picnic

A Message from Mrs. Sandra Bottge, Principal:

Welcome Back! Our first few days of school have been exciting and busy. We met new teachers, made new friends and began learning what it means to be *Living Stones*. Our weekly chapel will be held on Tuesdays from 8:30-9:00. Parents and guests are always welcome to join us for chapel.

Students in grades 2-4 will take **MAP** tests beginning next week. **Measures of Academic Progress** is a standardized test administered to students on the computer. Unlike other standardized tests that offer the same questions to each child in the grade level, MAP tests determine the appropriate level of questioning for each student by presenting more difficult questions each time a student answers a question correctly and easier questions each time a student answers a question incorrectly.

Students will be tested in Math, Reading, and Language Usage in the fall and again in the spring. Testing twice a year allows us to see how students are growing academically during the school year and challenges us answer the following questions: Are our students learning? How do we know? What can we do to increase learning?

Parents can help their children prepare for MAP tests by providing an appropriate amount of sleep, eating a nutritious breakfast and making sure that students arrive for school on time. Parent results will be sent home in early October. Below is the elementary school MAP test schedule:

Tuesday, Sept. 5: 4th Grade Math
Wednesday, Sept. 6: 2nd Grade Math
Thursday, Sept. 7: 3rd Grade Math
Friday, Sept. 8: 4th Grade Reading
Monday, Sept. 11: 3rd Grade Reading
Tuesday, Sept. 12: 2nd Grade Reading

Wednesday, Sept. 13: 4th Grade Language Usage
Friday, Sept. 15: 3rd Grade Language Usage
Monday, Sept. 18: 2nd Grade Language Usage

Mark Your Calendar:

Thurs., Sept. 14: ECES Picture Day

Thurs., Sept. 21: PK (Midland Park Campus) & ECES Back to School Night

Fri., Oct. 6: No School – Inservice

Mon., Oct. 9: No School – Columbus Day

Milk: If you would like your child to receive milk for the school year starting Tuesday, September 5, please send in the \$55 fee per child in an enveloped mark with their name and class designation. (i.e. KH, IR, etc.). **Please make checks payable to ECES.** Thank you.

Smile! Picture Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 14 for all students in Kindergarten – Grade 4. Picture order forms are in your child's Friday Folder. All order forms are due before or on picture day. All students will have their picture taken for a school ID.

After School News: We are excited to try running an After School Program on both the elementary and middle school campus. Students in Preschool through 8th grade will stay on their campus for the appropriate program. Visit our After School website at <https://www.easternchristian.org/schools/elementary-school/after-school/> to register your child and see the cost for attending. Information for our Fall Clubs and Music lessons will be posted soon.



PTO News:

- **Volunteers Needed:** Information was sent home this past week on various ways to get involved in helping the PTO support the students and staff at the elementary school. Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to volunteer. Sign up on our website.
- **Back-to-School Picnic:** Friday, September 8th from 6-8 PM.
- **Thursday Pizza:** Order forms due Friday, September 8th. No late orders will be accepted.
- Don't forget to register as a user on our website. www.ecespto.com
- First **PTO Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3 immediately following chapel. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the PTO at ecpto@easternchristian.org.