



EASTERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Eastern Christian Middle School
Weekly Home Bulletin

September 16, 2016

Next Week, 9/19 - 9/23:

Monday: TRIP orders due
Tuesday: Chapel, 12:50pm at Faith Community CRC

Coming Up:

Tuesday, September 27: PTO meeting in the Barn following Chapel - All are welcome!
Thursday, September 29: Back-to-School Night, 7:00 p.m.

Message From the Principal:

One thing I can honestly say about being in the Middle School is that there have never been two days that are exactly alike! I love being here each and every day, but no two days are alike. This past week, we experienced what turned out to be a non-event (a car backfiring), although at the time it seemed to be much bigger. It was beneficial to us, however, to see that the emergency plans that have been revised, reviewed, and rehearsed worked well. Staff and students knew exactly what to do, and local authorities who are familiar with our school and our campus were here to provide support and ensure our safety.

On that note, it is essential for all parents to ensure that they are receiving emails from Eastern Christian school through Realtime. We use the Realtime notification system to send important updates to parents, announce school closings, and share news about school events. Parents will receive emails and texts throughout the year through this system because it is the fastest way to communicate to all parents. We have gone through our list of MS students to ensure that all parents & guardians have their notification enabled. We would like to ask you that you also check to ensure that your contact information is correct in our Realtime system.

In your parent portal, you can click on the "Contacts" link, and you can double check your information, as well as update your phone and email address by clicking on the "Update Information" tab. I encourage you to do this right away if you have not been receiving messages. If your information is correct, and you have not been receiving messages, your email is likely filtering our messages to your Spam folder.

If you have difficulty setting this up, we're happy to help you - please let us know.

God Bless,
Dan Lazor, ECMS Principal

School News:

ECMS 2017 Mission Trip Opportunity for 7th & 8th Graders: Information was sent home regarding the mission trip with Arizona Reservation Ministries taking place during Spring Break, March 25-April 1. This trip is being coordinated through Touch the World. Each homeroom has additional flyers if your child is interested in participating, but signups will close soon.

ECMS After School Activities: There are four activities being offered to MS students this fall. There are digital courses being offered at each grade level (coding and digital storytelling) as well as foreign language classes. Each class has a minimum number required, so sign up quickly if your child is interested. All classes start the week of September 19, and all are held at ECMS. The flier for these activities is attached below, or [Click Here](#). Students through 6th grade may also go to After School without signing up for any activities.

We have new phones! When calling the school (201-891-3663) there is now an “auto attendant” which from there will tell you the options to dial directly the person to whom you wish to speak or leave a message. The options listed are **Attendance (and notes for students)** (1), **Mrs. Faber**, our Vice Principal/Dean of Students (3), **Mrs. Gorter**, our School Nurse (4), and Mr. Goldstein, for Athletics (5). There is also a name directory (6) by last name if you need to leave a message for another staff member or for a teacher. To reach the main office, you may dial 2.

Messages from Home for Students: Please call (or email) as early in the day as possible when needing to leave a message (“Take the bus home,” “Mom is picking you up today” etc. messages) for your child. The best time to call the school office is after 9am and well before 2pm. You may leave a message on the Attendance Line 1 or email gloriatenewitz@easternchristian.org. Thank you!

Medical Information & Emergency Card, Parent Approval for Off Campus Learning Forms (and copies of Birth Certificates for New Families): If you have not yet done so, please go on our website to fill out and submit your child’s [Medical Information & Emergency Card](#) and [Parent Approval for Off Campus Learning](#) ASAP. If you are a new parent, and have not yet submitted your child’s birth certificate to us, you were sent an email this week to please send in a copy (or scan and email it to gloriatenewitz@easternchristian.org) ASAP. Thank you to those who did submit it to me, and also those who told me they uploaded it to SchoolAdmin!

Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for **Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m.** Come out to meet your child’s teachers, get a glimpse of MS life and sign up for Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Athletic schedules are kept up-to-date on our website: www.easternchristian.org - click on the [Athletics](#) tab and go to [Teams](#) and [Schedules](#). You may get directions to all games and meets there as well.

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. There are also special programs that are available from time to time.

The ECES PTO is excited to sell the family-friendly **KidsStuff Coupon** book with hundreds of valuable coupons! The book is easy to use, filled with incredible savings for all ages and is only sold through schools. KidStuff coupons are long term and most are valid for 16 months. Use just a few coupons and quickly save more than the \$25 cost! While saving money, you are supporting our school. To order your book, please place your **check in an envelope** payable to **ECES PTO for \$25**. If you buy more than 5 books, you will get an extra book for free. Write your name, contact number and a number of copies on the envelope and hand it into the middle school office. All orders/monies need to be in by Friday, September 23. Thank you for your support.

Foundation Office News & ECSA Announcements:

Eastern Christian School Association Board of Directors regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 7:30pm** (open session) at the ECMS Media Center. In accordance with the provisions of the school's Acceptable Use Policy, this meeting will serve as our annual public hearing, at which the Board will receive any public community input on its Internet Safety Policy. *(Note: To attend an ECSA Board meeting, visitors should be one or more of the following: A Member of the Association, a staff member of an Association school, a parent of a child enrolled in an Association school or a student of an Association school.)*

October 21 - 23: Second Annual EC Homecoming Weekend! Lots of great events! For more information, visit www.easternchristian.org/homecoming.

TRIP Update:

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.

ECMS AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

with Brainstorm Tutoring & Arts



COURSE INFORMATION

- 7 week courses – 2x per week
- 3:15pm – 4:45pm
- 14 classes = 21 hours
- Cost for entire class: \$199
- Classes starting 9/19 and ending Monday 11/7 (OFF on Monday 10/10 for Columbus Day)
- Classes hosted at Eastern Christian Middle School - 518 Sicomac Ave, Wyckoff, NJ 07481



Game On! Programming | Grades 7-8 | Tuesdays & Thursdays |

Love gaming? Think you might have what it takes to become a programmer? Then join us for this 7-week course and learn to create a virtual story or game while covering all the essentials of coding. By recreating versions of some of your favorite mobile games (including Flappy Bird, Angry Bird, Candy Crush and Endless Runner) you'll be introduced to basic programming, imaginative digital storytelling, game philosophy and design, as well as how to navigate a modern IDE like Unity/Stencil/Scratch. A great introductory course for gamers who want to digitally create.



Digital Storytelling | Grades 5-6 | Mondays & Wednesdays |

This course aims to strengthen the connection between storytelling and technology. Learn a variety of different skills to help become a more effective storyteller. This course will explore how to develop your own projects, research a particular topic or theme, and construct a digital story by using still images, video or audio narration. Perfect for visual thinkers who want to express their ideas through digital media.



Spanish | Grades 5-8 | Tuesdays & Thursdays |

Hola! BrainStorm language courses provide you with the opportunity to rapidly increase your level of second language fluency and appreciation of foreign culture. Learn Spanish through interactive lessons and creative cultural experiences. We'll be exploring the Latino world through holidays/customs, dance, and authentic cuisine!



Mandarin Chinese: | Grades 5-8 | Mondays & Wednesdays |

Ni hao! Welcome to the language and culture that is quickly spreading in popularity around the world. Come learn Mandarin through interactive lessons and creative cultural experiences. In this course we will explore the Chinese world by learning to write key Hanzi characters, experiencing holidays/customs, and tasting traditional foods!

CALL 201.84.STORM X1 TO REGISTER!
WWW.STORMTHETEST.COM

*Payment is required to reserve your spot

