



EASTERN CHRISTIAN
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Eastern Christian Elementary School Home Bulletin

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

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Next Week at a Glance:

Tues. Dec. 5: 8:30 am - Chapel – Grade 4 Drama Team

Wed., Dec. 6: PK Chapel – 8:30 am in Media Center

Thurs., Dec. 7: TRIP due at any school office by 9:00am sharp

A Message from Mrs. Sandra Bottge, Principal:

We began preparing our hearts for Christmas in chapel this week. Most of our student said their homes are already decorated for Christmas. We learned that many Christmas decorations have special meanings that teach us about Jesus.

Christmas Lights: Our world is full of sin. Sin is symbolized by darkness. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12). We know that Jesus came to the earth to remove the darkness and light the way for us to go to heaven.

Stars and Angels: When we look up to the top of our Christmas tree, we can imagine what it was like for the wise men and shepherds to look up into the night sky at the bright star or the multitude of angels that proclaimed the good news and led them to Jesus.

Wreath: Christmas wreaths symbolize our eternal life in heaven. The round shape has no beginning and no ending. Their evergreen leaves stay green and full of life forever.

Advent Wreath: The candles on the advent wreath teach us about hope, preparation, joy and love. Our hope in Jesus is a confident hope. We know we have eternal life in Jesus. We need to prepare our hearts to meet Jesus by confessing our sin, asking for forgiveness and asking Jesus to live in our heart. When we have Jesus in our heart, our life will be overflowing with life-changing joy that is not dependent on our circumstances. We know this is true because God loved the world so much that He allowed His son to die for our sin.

Students were challenged to talk with their families about the special meaning behind their Christmas decorations and to tell others about the Good News of Jesus’ birth.

Mark Your Calendar:

Tues., Dec. 12: 7:30 – 8:30 am - Coffee Time with Ernie

Chapel: Guest Speaker – Pastor Gomez

Tues., Dec. 19: Christmas Chapel – presented by Grade 4

Fri., Dec. 22: Half Day – 12:00 pm Dismissal – No Extended Day or After School Programs

Tues., Jan. 2: 1st Day Back 2018

EC Student Directory: 2017-2018 student directory is being sent home (1 per family) in Friday Folders. If you did not receive one, please contact the front office via email at lindavangrouw@easternchristian.org or 201-445-6150. Thank you!

After School: Remember to register your child for After School [on our website](#) whether they will come on specific days or as a drop-in needed basis.

- **Parent Survey:** Please take a few moments to provide us with some feedback on how we can best serve you! Please either fill it out [online](#) or by filling out the flyer in the Friday Folders.
- **Registration is open for Clubs:** [Starting next week](#) is EC JUMPSTREET club led by Mrs. Veenstra. [Starting the end of January](#) is Baking Club, Curtain Call by Mrs. Marocco, Computer Coding by Mrs. Zacharias, and Let's Draw by Mrs. Holly. Details and registration can be found on the separate flyer or on our website.
- **New Music Lesson:** Along with our individual guitar, piano, and violin lessons we are now offering group lessons. Sign up for the [group beginner guitar lesson](#) on 1/8, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, & 2/12



PTO News:

- Kids Holiday Shoppe: December 7-8.
- Donations for staff Christmas gifts: December 8th.
- Pizza order forms coming home this Friday. Deadline is December 15th to receive pizza on 1/4/18.

Foundation Office News:

#allECday: Tuesday, Dec 5. Wear your EC Swag, share a pic on social media and donate \$1 or more per student/family or staff currently part of the school body. Donations can be made [online](#) for \$10 or more or in person for \$1 or more at your school office.

Stop & Shop Rewards: Register your Stop & Shop card online to support EC. Every dollar spent at Stop & Shop a percentage is given back to our school. Customers register their Stop & Shop Card [online](#) supporting Eastern Christian School

Auction Committee: Looking for new members to join us on our Auction Team which will have it's first meeting the second week of January. We will meet a few times before the Auction Gala on Thursday April 19, 2018. Team member jobs vary and can adjust to busy schedules. Email events@easternchristian.com if you are interested in participating.

TRIP News:

- Please note that on Friday, December 8, 15, and 22 the TRIP Store will be located in the cafeteria at the high school.