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., Nov. 7: 8:30 am - Chapel – Guest Speakers - Michael & Carrie Johnson
Wed., Nov. 8: 8:30 am - Picture Retakes
Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
Thurs., Nov. 9: No School - Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
Fri., Nov. 10: No School - Parent Teacher Conferences

A Message from Mrs. Sandra Bottge, Principal:

Mrs. Byma led chapel this week as we celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. She began by reading a book about Martin Luther and how he became a monk who spent his time *Seeking Truth*. He recognized 95 things that the church was teaching people that were not in alignment with God's Word. He was bold in his faith and nailed his 95 Theses to the church door for others to see.

We learned about the the Five Solas of the Reformed faith that came out of the Reformation that are still true for us 500 years later.

1. ***Sola Scriptura*** ("Scripture alone"): The Bible alone is our highest authority.
2. ***Sola Fide*** ("faith alone"): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.
3. ***Sola Gratia*** ("grace alone"): We are saved by the grace of God alone.
4. ***Solus Christus*** ("Christ alone"): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.
5. ***Soli Deo Gloria*** ("to the glory of God alone"): We live for the glory of God alone.

At the end of the day on Tuesday, we were given a box of glow sticks from the Midland Park Police Department. While these sticks were meant to keep children safe and visible on Tuesday night, we also recognized that they were symbols to remind us that Christians are called to be the light of the world and tell others about God.

Mark Your Calendar:

Nov. 13: Grade 3 Field Trip
Nov. 14: Parent in Prayer - immediately following chapel
Nov. 22: Noon Dismissal - No Extended Day or After School Program
Nov. 23-24: No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 5: Dad's Pizza Night (All Preschool students and dads only)

A Thank You from the Hennessys: *Thank you so much for supporting the Isaac Hennessy 5K and Fun Run, which has directly benefited the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Eastern Christian Schools. We are humbled at the tremendous level of support and love shown to our family and especially to Isaac as the community stood together to battle the various forms of this disease. We love you all!*

Proper Attire: As the cold weather approaches, please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately. Students may no longer wear shorts to school. Please see Parent Handbook for more information on school policies. Thank you!

Picture Retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, November 8. If you would like your child's picture retaken, please send in the picture package you received. If you ordered a class picture, please keep that. Retakes will be taken first thing in the morning. *If your child was absent that day, they may have their picture taken as well.*

PTO News:

- **Mom & Daughter Night Out:** Our Minute to Win It game night is scheduled for Friday, November 17. **RSVP Deadline: November 8.** Anyone that is not involved in this evening, we need your help volunteering.
- **NFL Game: Jets Vs. Chiefs:**Don't miss this opportunity to take your family to experience a football game. Tickets on sale now for December 1, 2017, 1 pm game. Feel free to share this with any neighbors, family, friends, church etc. It is open to anyone interested in attending this game. See attached flyer for sharing. Click this link to buy your Jets tickets.
- **Parent in Prayer** - Tuesday, November 14 in the Art Room immediately following chapel.
- **New Hope:** Please see attached flyer for the items that are needed this month. Thank you for blessing others.

Foundation Office News:

Isaac's Fun Run: Congratulations to the 3rd grade! They won a pizza & popsicles party from The Foundation Office for their participation in Isaac's Fun Run and 5K! Both classes will be served pizza by our staff on Tuesday 11/14.

Auction Gala Team: If you want to meet some new parents, get involved with the community and have a fantastic time laughing, loving and investing in our community join our auction team. It is a blast to put something like this event together and a great place to build relationships with other parents. If interested, please email: katietarta@easternchristian.org