



## 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., Oct. 9:** No School – Columbus Day
- Tues., Oct. 10:** 8:30 am – Chapel – Guest Speaker – Pastor Mary Stegink  
Parents in Prayer – immediately following chapel
- Wed., Oct. 11:** 8:30 am – Midland Park Preschool Campus Chapel  
12:00 pm – Wyckoff Preschool Campus Chapel
- Thurs., Oct. 12:** TRIP Orders due at any school office by 9 am sharp
- Fri., Oct. 13:** ECES PTO Family Movie Night at ECES

### **A Message from Mrs. Sandra Bottge, Principal:**

Students at Eastern Christian have the day off from school tomorrow for a teacher Inservice day. Inservice days are an integral part of the quality educational program we offer at EC because they allow us focus our attention on student learning and growth.

Last spring, a team of teachers and administrators evaluated our language arts program and researched best practices. We adopted a new approach to language arts instruction using a workshop model. We participated in professional development training in the spring and summer and purchased materials to supplement our new program. Teachers will continue professional development training on Friday focusing on differentiating instruction through conferencing with students.

Our Educational Technology Specialist will provide training on our new Promethean Boards. Teachers and students have been utilizing these interactive boards on a daily basis in the classroom and we look forward to learning more ways to incorporate this technology in our instruction.

The afternoon portion of our Inservice day will focus on brain development and student behavior. We'll hear from a guest speaker on ways that experiences impact a child's brain and behavior and how we can support students through difficult experiences and encourage positive behaviors.

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

- Tues., Oct. 17:** Coffee with the Principal – see message below \*\*
- Fri., Oct. 20:** Schoolwide Spirit Day – Wear **EC** colors or apparel
- Sat. Oct. 21:** Isaac's Fun Run – see message below\*\*\*

\*\*Parents are invited to attend **Coffee with the Principal** on October 17 immediately following chapel. Mrs. Bottge will lead a discussion on MAP testing. This session will focus on interpreting MAP test results, how teachers use MAP test data and how parents can support their children at home.

\*\*\***Isaac's Fun Run:** All PK and ES students are encouraged to [register](#) for the EC Fun Run on October 21 during EC's HomeComing weekend. Proceeds for the Fun Run will benefit EC and the Muscular Dystrophy

Association. The Fun Run is proud to support 3rd grader, Isaac Hennessy, who was diagnosed with Duchenne's muscular dystrophy. Several EC teachers will participate in the Fun Run and donate \$1 for every student who crosses the finish line before the teachers. PK and ES students were challenged to live out our EC Core Values of *Embrace Community* and *Exhibit Compassion* by participating in the Fun Run. Parents are welcome to run with their children or use strollers as needed. We hope to see you there!



- **Family Movie Night:** Friday, October 13th - [Rsvp here.](#)
- **Parents Night Out:** Saturday 4 November - [RSVP and pay here, please](#) - Deadline Friday, October 13. There is a minimum requirement that we have to meet in order to host this event. Please come and enjoy an evening out. If your spouse can't make it, still come.
- **Parents in Prayer:** October 10 after chapel in the Art room. Please e-mail any prayer requests to Wooyong Choi at [whynohello@gmail.com](mailto:whynohello@gmail.com). All requests are confidential.
- **ECES PTO Spirit Wear shop** is open until October 8th. Don't miss out on Living Stones shirts and toddler sweatshirts too. Adults and kids sizes available. [View and place your orders here.](#)
- Please return any unused **Kidstuff** coupon books or your check for \$25.

#### Foundation News:

- **HomeComing Volunteers Needed:** Sign up at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/FEWJ8>
- **MS Service Hours** (For Middle School 7-8th grade Only): Isaac's Fun Run still needs volunteers to assist at the event from 8:30 am - 10:30 am on Sat 10/21. Sign up through MobileServe or email [events@easternchristian.org](mailto:events@easternchristian.org)
- **Chili Cook Off & Apple Pie Contest AND Family Fun Fair Tickets:** [Register online now before we sell out!](#)
- **Golf Outing:** There is still room for foursomes to join the Golf Outing on Sat 10/13 for a great day on the course! Tee-time is 10 am, registration begins 9 am, lunch & snacks included. \$400 per foursome Register online <https://one.bidpal.net/walkillgolfouting>.