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Eastern Christian Elementary School Home Bulletin

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Next Week at a Glance:

- Tues., Sept. 12:** 8:30 am – Chapel – Living Stones – Joshua 3
Parents in Prayer – immediately following chapel
- Wed., Sept. 13:** Wednesday Collaboration
- Thurs., Sept. 14:** TRIP Orders due at any school office by 9 am sharp
Pizza Hot Lunch Begins (pre-ordered)
Picture Day – K-Gr. 4 only
- Fri., Sept. 15:** Snack Day Order Forms Due

A Message from Mrs. Sandra Bottge, Principal:

What does it look like to love the Lord your God with all your heart? This was the essential question posed to students in our first chapel this week. After listening to the words of Matthew 22:36-39, we created a giant heart puzzle to see that we need to give God **all** our heart and not leave out any pieces. Our heart puzzle contained six pieces, one for each Eastern Christian Core Value. We learned what it means to Seek Truth, Serve Others, Embrace Community, Exhibit Compassion, Develop Responsibility and Strive for Excellence.

After defining our core values, we looked closely at Embrace Community and Exhibit Compassion. We learned about Hurricane Harvey that hit Houston, Texas. One of our former Eastern Christian teachers moved to Texas several years ago and is now teaching in Providence Classical School, a Christian school just outside of Houston. Several families from the school were impacted by the storm. These families are faced with financial burdens of loss of work and repairing their homes in addition to paying for Christian education. Our students were encouraged to do chores and earn money to donate to Providence Classical School. PCS will set up an Eastern Christian Scholarship to help the neediest families from their community with the money our students donate.

Each classroom at ECES is matched up with a classroom at PCS. We are praying for the teachers and students, writing encouraging notes and sending small care packages. Please consider having your children Develop Responsibility by doing chores at home to earn money to donate to PCS. Thank you for your partnership as we train our children to live out our core values.

Mark Your Calendar:

- 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: Last call. If you would like your child to receive milk for the school year, 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. All order forms are due before or on picture day. All students will have their picture taken for a school ID.

After School Program: Preschool through 8th grade students are welcome to attend After School on their respective campus from 3 to 6pm every day. Please fill out the form at this link (<https://goo.gl/forms/k1Cox4gLZUNxM6Me2>) to register your child for After School. Our private music lesson opportunities and fall clubs will be announced soon! For more information about the program, please visit the website <https://www.easternchristian.org/schools/elementary-school/after-school/>.



PTO News:

- **Parents in Prayer:** Tuesday September 12th in the Art room immediately following chapel.
- **Room Parents & helpers needed** for KH, JRK, PreK 3 & 4, (Midland Park Campus) [Click here to sign up.](#)
- **Kidstuff coupon books** will be coming home this Friday. (If you are outside the Bergen County Area and need a different book, let us know).
- The **ECES PTO Spirit Wear** shop is open until 8th October. Free shipping! Sizes for children and kids and color options. [View and place your orders here.](#) Funds will help to purchase/replace much needed iPads for our classrooms. Thank you for your support.
- **Volunteers** needed for *Wednesday Snack Day, Thursday Pizza Day and Morning Playground.* [Sign up here](#) to select your dates.
- [Click to see info and sign up for other volunteer opportunities.](#) (Wed Collaboration, family events, fundraisers etc.), there is something for everyone. Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to volunteer.
- First **PTO Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3rd immediately following chapel. Open to all parents. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the PTO at espto@easternchristian.org