



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., Sept. 3: No School - Labor Day

Tues., Sept. 4: Chapel - What's In A Name

Wed., Sept. 5: Milk Orders Due - see below *

Fri., Sept 7: Pizza order forms & payment due - No late orders will be accepted

PTO Back to School Picnic - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

A Message from Mrs. Sandra Bottge, Principal:

Welcome back! We're excited for the start of another school year. Our first few days of school have been exciting and busy as we met new friends and learned new routines. We look forward to seeing what God has planned for us this year as we partner with you to teach and train your children.

Students in grades 2-4 will take **MAP** tests beginning next week. **Measures of Academic Progress** is a standardized test administered to students on the computer. Unlike other standardized tests that offer the same questions to each child in the grade level, MAP tests determine the appropriate level of questioning for each student by presenting more difficult questions each time a student answers a question correctly and easier questions each time a student answers a question incorrectly.

Students will be tested in Math, Reading, and Language Usage in the fall and again in the spring. Testing twice a year allows us to see how students are growing academically during the school year and challenges us answer the following questions: Are our students learning? How do we know? What can we do to increase learning?

Parents can help their children prepare for MAP tests by providing an appropriate amount of sleep, eating a nutritious breakfast and making sure that students arrive for school on time. Parent results will be sent home in early October.

Below is the elementary school MAP test schedule:

Tuesday, Sept. 4: 4th Grade Math

Wednesday, Sept. 5: 2nd Grade Math & 3rd Grade Math

Thursday, Sept. 6: 3rd Grade Reading & 4th Grade Reading

Friday, Sept. 7: 2nd Grade Reading & 4th Grade Language Usage

Monday, Sept. 10: 2nd Grade Language Usage & 3rd Grade Language Usage

Mark Your Calendar:

Sept. 13: Picture Day - K - 4

Sept. 20: Back to School Night - 6:45 - 8:30 pm

Oct. 5: No School - Inservice

Oct. 8: No School - Columbus Day

Nov. 7 - 9: Parent Teacher Conferences (No school Nov. 8 & 9)

* **Milk:** If you would like your child to receive milk for the school year starting Wed., September 5, 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 13 for all students in Kindergarten – Grade 4. Picture order forms are in your child's Friday Folder. All order forms are due before or on picture day. All students will have their picture taken for a school ID.

**PTO News:**

- **Volunteers Needed:** Information was sent home this past week in the PTO booklet on various ways to get involved in helping the PTO support the students and staff at the elementary school. Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to volunteer. Sign up on our website: www.ecespto.com
- **Back-to-School Picnic:** Friday, September 7th from 6-8 PM. Rain date September 14th.
- **Thursday Pizza:** Order forms due September 7th.
- **Fall Flower Sale-**Deadline to place orders is September 21st.
- **Spiritual Theme Spiritwear Sale:** Online August 29-September 25th.
- First **PTO Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2 immediately following chapel. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the PTO at espto@easternchristian.org.
- Don't forget to register as a user on our website www.ecespto.com