

THE

EC

DIFFERENCE



EASTERN CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL



# A *Unique* SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## Welcome to Eastern Christian School!

Located on 3 campuses, we are New Jersey's oldest and largest Christian school. Founded in 1892, our mission is to engage the mind, nurture the spirit, and transform the world. When you set foot on our campus, you'll immediately notice that, at EC, we are different.



High School Campus  
NORTH HALEDON

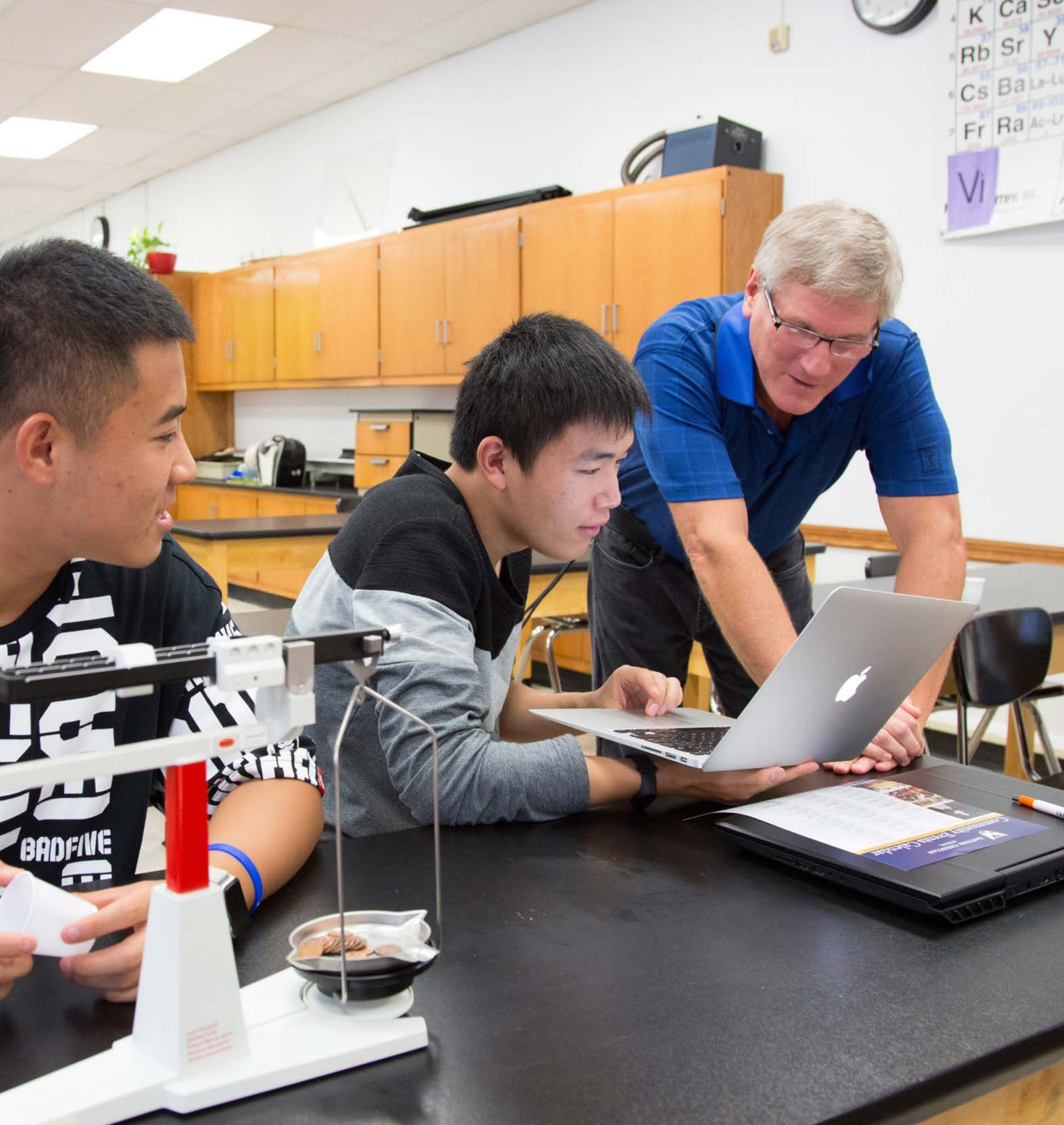


Middle School Campus  
WYCKOFF



Preschool/Elementary School Campus  
MIDLAND PARK





## PARTNERSHIP

We are a private, independent, parent-run Christian school. That's 100% unique in Northern New Jersey. Most schools are constrained by government regulation or run by a single church congregation. That's not the case at EC. Here's what this means: Eastern Christian School is a private, non-profit organization. Our singular focus of providing the best Christian education possible to our students. The EC Board of Directors is elected by the parents and community members of our school. So, the education that we provide is a direct result of EC parents' expectations for their children. We don't have to worry about government bureaucracy or church funding or politics slowing us down. We get to focus on our singular mission. In a world where parents are increasingly shut out of their child's educational choices, this truly represents a unique partnership.





# SAFETY

*is more than locks and cameras*

At Eastern Christian School, student safety is our first job. We have a unique perspective: every student in our halls is created in the image of God. This means that every student has infinite and inherent value. We work very hard to protect every student's physical, emotional, social, and spiritual safety.





## SPIRITUAL SAFETY

There is an immense amount of trust that parents place in the hands of their child's teacher. Children spend more time with their teachers on a daily basis than they do with their parents. Who do you trust with your child's spiritual development? At Eastern Christian School, this is at the very heart of our mission. Our faculty and staff are amazing Christian leaders. Our teachers cultivate

a classroom environment that allows students to safely ask tough questions as they develop and learn and grow in their faith. Every student in our school community comes from a Christian home. While we're still sinful people and obviously not perfect, it is amazing what you can accomplish when everyone in the school community is pulling in the same direction!

## EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL SAFETY

We regularly hear from new EC families that our student body is so welcoming and friendly. Common concerns in other schools like theft, bullying, and other major issues are virtually non-existent here. If we do need to intervene, we seek to stop problems before they start and we involve parents very early on in the conversation. This really is one where you need to see it for yourself. Come by our campus on any normal school day. Schedule a tour or a shadowing experience and you'll see exactly what we mean.

## PHYSICAL SAFETY

We take the safety and well-being of Eastern Christian School students very seriously. Under the guidance of our Director of Security, we are continuously evaluating and investing in facilities, equipment, and training to make sure students remain safe while in our care.





# FACULTY

*Professional & Nurturing*



When students graduate from EC, we want them to be young people of Christian vision and influence in order to change the world for the kingdom of Jesus Christ. You don't get there without professional, nurturing faculty.



# NURTURING

Our amazing faculty is here because they believe in the mission of Eastern Christian School and they love our students. EC teachers strive to build connections with students that will allow them to grow into the young men and women that God has called them to be. Our 11:1 student-to-teacher ratio ensures that every student receives the individual attention that they deserve. According to alumni, one of the best aspects of our school is the nurturing relationship between faculty and students.



# PROFESSIONAL

We recruit, train, and equip some of the best teachers in all of Christian education. Our innovative professional development program requires that our teachers are regularly honing their craft. All teachers are certified and over 60% hold advanced degrees. We have several PhDs on staff.







# BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

*is the lens through which we approach everything*

We believe that the richest curriculum prepares students for the real world. The Eastern Christian graduate is prepared to be a person of Christian vision and influence who seeks to renew all creation for God's kingdom. It is our goal to produce Christian leaders in every field so that EC graduates can transform the world for Jesus Christ.






EC student teaching on a high school mission trip to India.

## SERVICE LEARNING & MISSIONS

Faith is most concrete when it is put into action. Our students are challenged to live out their faith through age-appropriate service learning opportunities. For our preschoolers, this means an adorable trike-a-thon to help raise money for St. Jude's childhood cancer research. Elementary school students raise funds to support local ministries. Our middle school Make-a-Difference (MAD) program works in local communities to tackle issues like poverty and disability. For our high school students, service learning includes fundraising, local work, or a trip to the other side of the world to address issues of global poverty, education, or human rights.



A young woman with long brown hair tied back, wearing a dark blue t-shirt with a white graphic, is painting a brick wall white. She is holding a paintbrush and applying white paint to the bricks. The wall is made of light-colored bricks, and the background is slightly blurred, showing other people and a bright, sunny day.

**“THERE IS NOT A SQUARE  
INCH IN THE WHOLE DOMAIN  
OF OUR HUMAN EXISTENCE  
OVER WHICH CHRIST, WHO IS  
SOVEREIGN OVER ALL, DOES  
NOT CRY, MINE!”**

**- ABRAHAM KUYPER**



# WORSHIP



Chapel is probably our favorite weekly activity. It's the only time each week that the entire campus is together in the same space. After a time of praise and worship, guest pastors, youth pastors, or EC faculty deliver a Biblical message to the students. Parents and family friends are welcome to worship with us anytime!

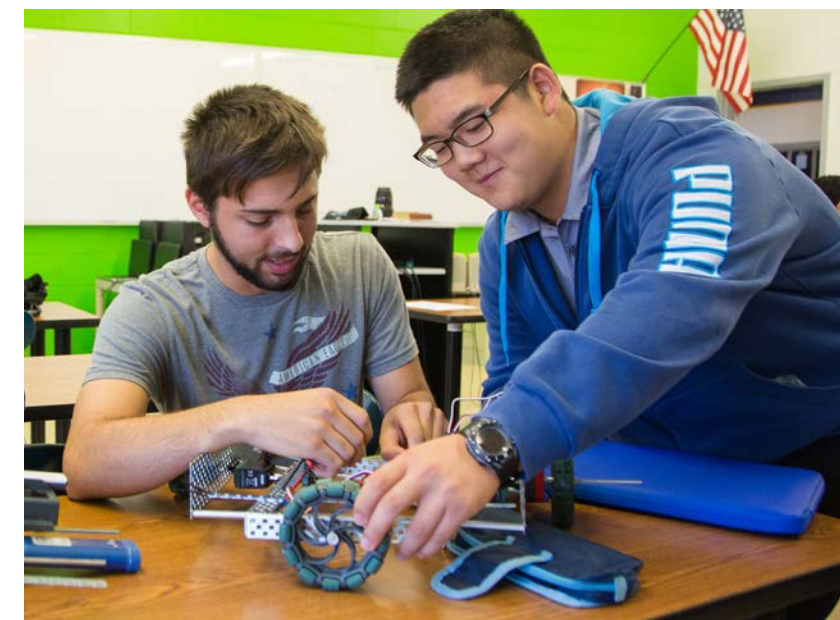






# ACADEMIC

*Excellence*



Academic excellence has always been a hallmark of Eastern Christian School. We have an academic model that supports our mission to partner with Christian homes. We design and review our curriculum to match the developmental needs of every student. Supplemental academic support provides learning intervention for students who might be overlooked in other schools. An accelerated program challenges students that excel. Our students learn and work together in a diverse academic learning community. Our student-to-teacher ratio allows learners to develop confidence and competence.



# Featured Programs

## ► PROJECT ACCELERATION

Come to EC and skip a year of college! Students can earn up to 33 college credits at Seton Hall University while enrolled at Eastern Christian School! These 33 credits can be transferred to just about any college or university.

## ► STEAM

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. If your high school child is gifted in these areas of study, they can apply for acceptance into the STEAM program.

## ► WINGS

Our high school students have the opportunity to participate in an internship/work study program. This hands-on learning prepares our students for life in the workforce.

## ► MAP VS. PARCC

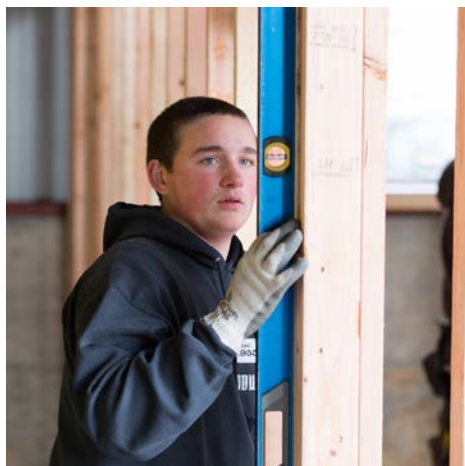
We steer clear of PARCC testing. When it comes time for standardized testing, we use MAP testing. MAP tests for students grades 2-10 are dynamic, computer based tests that adjust questions in real time to the level of the individual test taker until a threshold is met. These test results from the beginning and end of each school year allow us to plot data points and measure the academic progress of every student every year.

## ► T.E.S.S.

Not everyone learns the same way. The Education Support Services is a team of fully certified professionals that assist our students that have learning needs beyond a typical classroom setting. We offer “pull out” and “push in” services for students who demonstrate needs for additional support.

## ► COLLEGE AND CAREER TRAINING

The theme of our College and Career office is, “You can get there from here.” That theme rings true because we have 95% college placement. Every year, we send students to top colleges and universities, technical schools, community colleges and the trades.





# YOU CAN GET THERE FROM HERE!

**STEPHANIE**  
CLASS OF 2017



**SAM**  
CLASS OF 2017



**MITCHELL**  
CLASS OF 2016



**JESSE**  
CLASS OF 2016



**REBEKAH**  
CLASS OF 2016



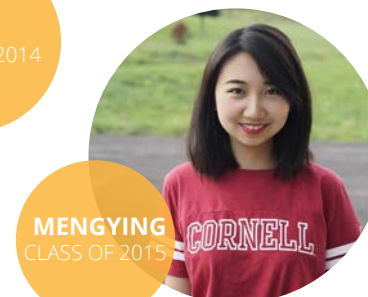
**ABIGAIL**  
CLASS OF 2017



**BOBBY**  
CLASS OF 2014



**MENGYING**  
CLASS OF 2015



**ALYSSA**  
CLASS OF 2017



**JESSE**  
CLASS OF 2014



**SEBASTIAN**  
CLASS OF 2016



**BROOKE**  
CLASS OF 2017



## RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

YALE UNIVERSITY • PRINCETON UNIVERSITY • COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY • CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
DREW UNIVERSITY • THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY • SETON HALL UNIVERSITY • BOSTON UNIVERSITY  
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY • NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY • STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY • UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS • WHEATON COLLEGE  
PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY • UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA • FORDHAM UNIVERSITY  
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY • CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY • UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO • UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IRVINE  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA BARBARA • UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND • UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE • LEHIGH UNIVERSITY • BENTLEY UNIVERSITY  
SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY • SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY • EMORY UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER • MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCE  
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON • UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT • DUKE UNIVERSITY  
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY • UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY ALLEGHENY COLLEGE





## VISUAL ARTS

Every student from preschool through high school has the opportunity to experience visual art instruction from expert, certified faculty. Studio arts include drawing, painting and sculpture. We offer graphic design and advanced portfolio.

HE HAS MADE EVERYTHING  
BEAUTIFUL IN ITS TIME.  
ECCLESIASTES 3:11

## MUSICAL ARTS

Music starts in preschool and grows into voice, strings, and band. Strings start as early as second grade. Band starts in fifth grade. Our choirs at the middle and high school have multiple levels. Our honors choir has performed at Carnegie Hall. Our amazing music faculty is fully certified in their areas of expertise.

SING TO THE LORD A  
NEW SONG. SING TO THE  
LORD ALL THE EARTH!  
PSALM 96:1

## PERFORMING ARTS

High School students have the opportunity to take the stage annually in our play and musical. The High School auditorium is a beautiful venue to showcase our student's dramatic talent. Many of our students prefer to be "off-stage" with their involvement. That's cool too. We have student leadership opportunities in set design, make-up and costumes, pit orchestra, and audio/visual crew. Elementary and Middle School students can perform in drama clubs as part of weekly worship services.

LET US PRAISE THE  
LORD WITH DANCING  
PSALM 149:3

E X C E L L E N C E I N

A R T S





# EXCELLENCE ON THE *COURT / FIELD / TRACK*



**SOC CER | BASKETBALL | BASEBALL | SOFTBALL | TRACK | TENNIS | CROSS COUNTRY | BOWLING | VOLLEYBALL | GOLF | LACROSSE**



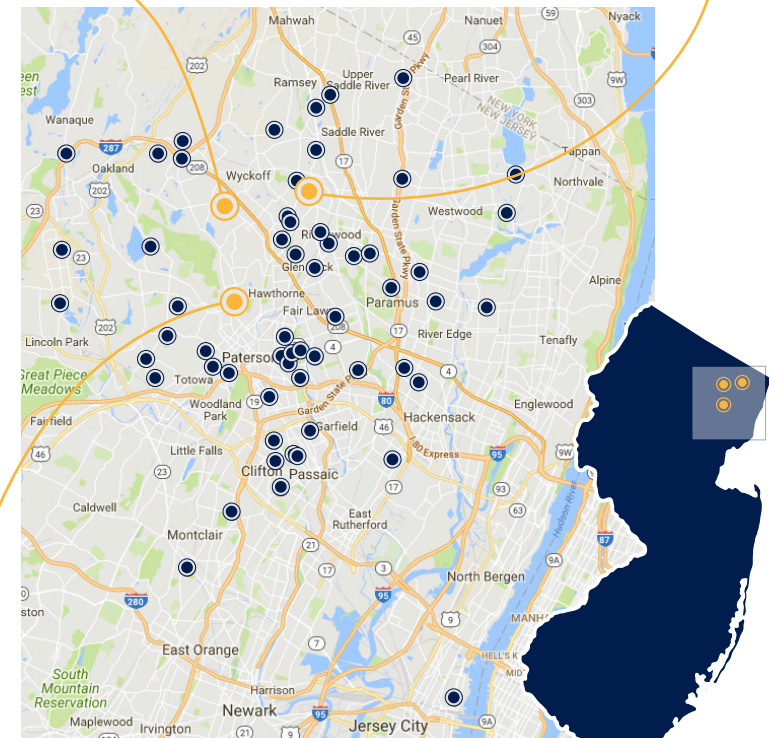


# TRANSPORTATION

*Getting Here*

## Three Campuses ONE SCHOOL

With annually-updated bus stops across northern New Jersey, we are able to provide a high quality Christian education to students well beyond the borders of North Haledon, Wyckoff, and Midland Park. Busing options include AM/PM routes, round trip busing and shuttle service between campuses.



*Bus stops change annually.  
Stops are added and/or removed as necessary.*



# Boarding & Homestay OPTIONS

Eastern Christian Schools offer a well-established Homestay (Host Family Option) program, as well as school-owned housing (Boarding Option) on the high school campus. Our homestay program successfully places students (Grade 7-12) with Eastern Christian host families. Our host families have strong ties to the school, and most of our host families have children who are current students or graduates of Eastern Christian School. A number of our host families and our boarding option have a family member who is on the faculty or staff.

The Homestay and Boarding options include (\* denotes only for a homestay option):

- A private room\*
- Three balanced meals a day
- Transportation to and from school\*, activities and New York area airports
- Guidelines for students and homestay families that ensure clear expectations for daily living
- School-sponsored host family activities such as an International New Year Celebration in February involving both host families and students
- Ongoing access to a Homestay Coordinator who arranges student placement in a host family or boarding option, facilitates communication between families and students, and assists in transportation to and from airports at breaks

We have a 95% international student retention rate indicating students' satisfaction with the homestay program and Eastern Christian School.

Most students prefer to stay in a homestay but some students prefer a boarding environment. We also have small, faculty-led dorms which house 4-5 students.







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