

EAST COLUMBUS MAGNET ACADEMY



KNIGHT NOTES: AUGUST 20 - 24, 2018

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD:

MONDAY, AUGUST 20TH

- Students can pick-up Request for Schedule Change form in ILT
- Orchestra students must have instruments and books from this point on
- Football Team Try-Out (4:15 – 6:00pm)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21ST

- Football Team Try-Out (4:15 – 6:00pm)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22ND

- ECMA Debate Team Interest Meeting Room 809 w/Ms. K. Arnold (4:05 – 5:00pm)
- Kona Ice Truck (12:25 – 1:55) Cost \$3.00 - \$5.00 depends on the size
- Football Team Try-Out (4:15 – 6:00pm)
- Cross Country Team Try-Out (4:15 – 5:15pm)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23RD

- Football Team Try-Out (4:15 – 6:00pm)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24TH

- Deadline for Request for Schedule Change form in the Counselor's office

2018 -2019 MCSD Student Handbook & Code of Conduct

Students received a copy of their handbook on August 9th. Please review the policies provided in the handbook and for your convenience this link is to the handbook:

<https://muscogee.k12.ga.us/Documents/StudentServices/StudentDiscipline/18-19%20Student%20Handbook%20and%20Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf>

Student **Drop Off is at 8am and student Pick up 3:55 – 4:30pm.** Students found on campus before or after the specified times will receive a consequence. Lockers are required for all students the cost is \$7.00 and can be purchased in their ILT class. Please review the dress code policy with your students.

NOTE: Due to the backlog at the MCSD Print Shop students have not received their ECMA Student Handbook; however, the ECMA Student Handbook is available on our website.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

At ECMA there are many ways for parents to get involved! Most of these opportunities come from PTO! Please join us at the first meeting is **August 28, 2018 5:30pm.**

ECMA NEWS YOU CAN USE

- Students can pick up a Request for Schedule Change form on Monday, August 20th from their ILT teacher. The only classes that will be considered for a change to their schedule are Connections classes. The form must be signed by a parent and a contact number must be provided. **Students must continue their current schedule until they have been approved by administration and given a NEW SCHEDULE.** Please understand that we will try diligently to accommodate your interest; however, scheduling constraints may not allow for the schedule to be modified this year.
- Students will not be allowed to carry book bags to class beginning Monday, August 20th. Students will lock up their book bags, cell phones, ear buds and any electronic devices in their locker before reporting to their 1st period class. Students have three locker breaks before 1st period, ILT and the end of 5th period. Students will retrieve their book bags and other belongings at their last locker break at the end of 5th period. Please remind the

students that they must spin their locker dial at least one time after they close their locker to ensure that it is secure. Additionally, nothing should be hanging out of the locker to prevent jamming or someone from popping their locker open.

- Parents have you been checking Infinite Campus Parent Portal? The portal gives a real time update of grades and attendance for your child(ren). You should be seeing grades in this upcoming week from each teacher on your child(ren) schedule. ECMA Teachers are expected to update grades weekly and for your convenience this program can be downloaded to any Smart Device to review your child(ren) academic progress. Stay Connected! Make sure you have your portal access. **Contact: Ms. Daphne Jenkins, Parenting Liaison 706.565.3026 or Jenkins.Daphne.C@muscogee.k12.ga.us**
- **NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR TWENTY 6TH GRADE GIRLS**
Girls Inc. is partnering with ECMA to inspire 20 6th grade girls daily during their ILT class beginning September 10th. Do you want your daughter to receive skills that will equip her on to navigate gender, economic, and social barriers and grow up healthy, educated, and independent. Girls, Inc. programs have positive outcomes that are achieved through three core elements: people - trained staff and volunteers who build lasting, mentoring relationships; environment - girls-only, physically and emotionally safe, where there is a sisterhood of support, high expectations, and mutual respect; and programming - research-based, hands-on and minds-on, age-appropriate, meeting the needs of today's girls. Mrs. Leann Malone, Executive Director will be at our PTO/Local School Council meeting on August 28, 2018 at 5:30pm for additional information. If you want your daughter to be inspired...to be strong...smart...bold attend this meeting for your daughter to be considered!
- **Did you know? East Columbus Magnet Academy had the highest average Lexile (Reading) growth of all MCSD middle and high schools last year for Achieve3000?** We did not do it alone; we were fortunate to have had some awesome parents supporting literacy at ECMA! Thank you! We greatly appreciate you supporting this expectation and monitoring the student progress toward this goal. As a bonus we have monthly contest where students from each grade level win prizes such as gifts cards to IHOP, Butterball turkey at Thanksgiving, Ham at Christmas, and catered breakfast from IHOP during 1st period. Last week, your child took the Level Set assessment in Achieve3000 to determine their Lexile level. Be sure to talk with your child about their goal of passing 3 Achieve3000 articles a week. Lastly, students that meet the aforementioned expectation and increase their lexile score will participate in our Annual Lexile Luau in May. If you have any questions about Lexile levels or Achieve3000, feel free to contact our literacy coach, Christy Grigsby at grigsby.christy.n@muscogee.k12.ga.us.

6th Grade: End Of Year Target: 997

Beginning Learner: 190-650
Developing Learner: 660-910
Proficient Learner: 925-970
Distinguished Learner: 980 +

7th Grade: End of Year Target: 1045

Beginning Learner: 190-730
Developing Learner: 740-960
Proficient Learner: 970-1010
Distinguished Learner: 1020 +

8th Grade: End of Year Target: 1097

Beginning Learner: 190-910
Developing Learner: 920-1040
Proficient Learner: 1050-1190
Distinguished Learner: 1200 +

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Students at ECMA enjoy free breakfast and lunch daily.

Breakfast Time: 8:20 – 8:45

Lunch Time: 12:25 – 1:55

STAY CONNECTED

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