

EAST COLUMBUS MAGNET ACADEMY



KNIGHT NOTES: AUGUST 19 – 23, 2019

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD:

MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH

- Cross Country Practice, Coach Souvenir (4:30 – 5:45pm)
- Volleyball Try-Outs, Coach Armstrong (4:30 – 6:30pm)
- Football Try-Outs, Coach Dye (4:00 – 6:30pm)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH

- Cross Country Practice, Coach Souvenir (4:30 – 5:45pm)
- Volleyball Try-Outs, Coach Armstrong (4:30 – 6:30pm)
- Football Try-Outs, Coach Dye (4:00 – 6:30pm)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21TH

- Cross Country Practice, Coach Souvenir (4:30 – 5:45pm)
- Volleyball Try-Outs, Coach Armstrong (4:30 – 6:30pm)
- Football Try-Outs, Coach Dye (4:00 – 6:30pm)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND

- Cross Country Practice, Coach Souvenir (4:30 – 5:45pm)
- Volleyball Try-Outs, Coach Armstrong (4:30 – 6:30pm)
- Football Try-Outs, Coach Dye (4:00 – 6:30pm)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23RD

- Cross Country Practice, Coach Souvenir (4:30 – 5:45pm)
- Volleyball Try-Outs, Coach Armstrong (4:30 – 6:30pm)
- Football Practice, Coach Dye (4:00 – 6:30pm) **1st OFFICIAL TEAM PRACTICE**

2019 - 2020 MCSD STUDENT HANDBOOK & CODE OF CONDUCT

Students will receive a copy of their ECMA and MCSD handbook on August 19th. The teachers have used the past week to intensively review the policies in each handbook. Please review the MCSD policies provided in the handbook and for your convenience this link to the handbook is: <https://www.muscogee.k12.ga.us/CMS/File/838263b0-4905-4a88-95b8-c81c0d31b9c9> NOTE: ECMA Student Handbook will also be available on our website.

ECMA HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

- Student **Drop Off is at 8am** and students should be **Picked up on later than 4:30pm**. Students found on campus before or after the specified times will receive a consequence if not under the direct supervision of a teacher/coach. Parents assume responsibility for any risk to student safety should they be on campus outside of the specified times.
 - Students cannot be checked out of school after 3:30pm unless the student has a doctor's appointment and an appointment card can be provided.
 - Lockers are required for all students the cost is \$7.00 and can be purchased in their ILT class.
 - **NON-CLEAR book bags must be secured in the hallway locker beginning Monday, August 18th. Clear book bags will be allowed to travel with the student.**
 - Cell phones must be secured in the student hallway locker before 1st period and can be retrieved after 6th period.
 - ECMA is a student uniform school. Sixth grade students wear light blue shirts daily, seventh grade students wear yellowish-gold shirts daily and eighth grade students wear white shirts daily. Students have the choice of khaki or navy blue bottoms. NAVY SHIRTS are NOT an ECMA approved color. NO HOODED JACKETS OR SWEATERS. Belts are required not optional. Parents needing assistance with uniforms are asked to contact Ms. Yoseka Alford at 706.565.3026.
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SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 29TH – ECMA PICTURE DAY (Students purchasing pictures will be allowed to dress out of uniform for the day)

SEPTEMBER 4TH - ECMA TITLE I MEETING at 5:30 - 6:00pm and ECMA OPEN HOUSE at 6:00 – 7:00pm in the school gym

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

At ECMA there are many ways for parents to get involved! Most of these opportunities come from PTO! Sign up will be available during OPEN HOUSE on September 4th. Updates coming soon for the first meeting.

ECMA ACADEMIC NEWS YOU CAN USE

- Students can request for a Schedule Change beginning Tuesday, August 20th. Your child will be given the form during ILT on Monday, August 19th and it must be signed by a parent and returned to the Main Office no later than August 27th 4:00pm. The only classes that will be considered for a change to their schedule are Connections classes. **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. Requests will only be granted if it does not impact their content classes and if the class size of the requested class isn't at capacity. **Parents will receive a call to verify your request ONLY if a change to the schedule can be granted.** This process of moving students will end on September 6th and if you have not heard from the school you can assume that your request could not be granted due to the above reasons.
- Parents have you used the NEW 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. Mrs. Singleton would be happy to assist you in the main office with securing your Activation Key so please visit our main office for assistance but remember to bring your identification. These links below will be helpful in utilizing Infinite Campus:
 - Infinite Campus Parent Portal:
 - [Parent Portal Video](#)
 - Helpful Documentation:
 - [Creating Parent Portal Account](#)
 - [Campus Portal User Guide](#)
 - [Infinite Campus Mobile Portal App Instructions](#)
- This week students have completed pre-assessments in their classes and students will begin the process of hammering through the Georgia Standards of Excellence in their current grade. I have provided links to these standards and pacing guides to empower you as an active parent:
 - ELA: <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Documents/ELA-Standards-Grades-6-8.pdf>
 - MATH: <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Documents/Grade-6-8-Mathematics-Standards.pdf>
 - ALGEBRA: <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Documents/High-School-Mathematics-Standards.pdf>
 - SCIENCE 6: <https://www.muscogee.k12.ga.us/Documents/TeachingandLearning/Pre-Kindergarten/Grades6-12Secondary/Science Pacing Guide SIXTH FINAL.docx>
 - SCIENCE 7: <https://www.muscogee.k12.ga.us/Documents/TeachingandLearning/Pre-Kindergarten/Grades6-12Secondary/Science Pacing Guide SEVENTH 2015-16.docx>
 - SCIENCE 8: <https://www.muscogee.k12.ga.us/Documents/TeachingandLearning/Pre-Kindergarten/Grades6-12Secondary/Science Pacing Guide EIGHTH.docx>
 - HS PHYSICAL SC: <https://www.muscogee.k12.ga.us/Documents/TeachingandLearning/Pre-Kindergarten/Grades6-12Secondary/Pacing Guide Physical Science FINAL.docx>
 - SOCIAL STUDIES: <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Documents/Social-Studies-6-8-Georgia-Standards.pdf>



- **Personalized Learning**
ECMA students will receive their personal Chromebook on August 22nd. A letter regarding the Personalized Learning Initiative, Chromebook Use and Consequences for misuse will be sent home to you on Monday of this week.
 - **What is Personalized Learning?** Your child will be assigned a Lenovo N23 Chromebook.
 - **How will the students receive/return the devices?** Each student will be assigned a Chromebook to be utilized during the school day as part of regular instruction. This device will be assigned much like a textbook is assigned to your child for the year; however, unlike textbooks the Chromebook will not leave the campus. As a part of their daily routine students will pick up their device in HR and return the device in ILT.
 - **Appropriate use of the device?** All computers in our district much like these devices will be monitored, protected and filtered for appropriate usage and content. Students will receive consequences for misuse or destruction of the device.
- **MCSD Chromebook Rules**



BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Students at ECMA enjoy free breakfast and lunch daily.
Breakfast Time: 8:15 – 8:40
Lunch Time: 11:48 – 1:18

STAY CONNECTED

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