

## EAST COLUMBUS MAGNET ACADEMY



## KNIGHT NOTES: AUGUST 26 - 30, 2019

### A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD:

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>

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

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>

- Cross Country Practice, Coach Souvenir (4:30 – 5:45pm)
- Volleyball Practice, Coach Armstrong (4:30 – 6:30pm) **Parent meeting 6:45PM**
- Football Practice, Coach Dye (4:00 – 6:30pm)
- Dazzling Knights, Advisor Ms. Johnson (4:15 – 5:45pm)
- **Deadline for Request for Schedule Change form in the Main Office**

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>

- Cross Country Practice, Coach Souvenir (4:30 – 5:45pm)
- Volleyball Practice, Coach Armstrong (4:30 – 6:30pm)
- Football Practice, Coach Dye (4:00 – 6:30pm)
- Dazzling Knights, Advisor Ms. Johnson (4:15 – 5:45pm)

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>

- **Interest Meeting** for the Academic Bowl Team, Advisor Mrs. Smith (4:15pm) Room701
- Cross Country Practice, Coach Souvenir (4:30 – 5:45pm)
- Volleyball Practice, Coach Armstrong (4:30 – 6:30pm)
- Football Practice, Coach Dye (4:00 – 6:30pm)

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>

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

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### 2019 - 2020 MCSD STUDENT HANDBOOK & CODE OF CONDUCT

Students have received a copy of their ECMA and MCSD handbook on August 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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### 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 18<sup>th</sup>. Clear book bags will be allowed to travel with the student.**
  - Cell phones must be secured in the student hallway locker before 1<sup>st</sup> period and can be retrieved after 6<sup>th</sup> period. **Cell phones that have been confiscated by a teacher or administrator must be picked up by a parent in the Main Office between 9am – 3:30pm with no exception.**
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- 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 29<sup>TH</sup> – ECMA PICTURE DAY (Students purchasing pictures will be allowed to dress out of uniform for the day)**

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

**SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> – Volleyball Scrimmage**

**SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> – Football Pre-Season Scrimmage @ Kinnett Stadium 4:15pm ECMA vs Rothschild**

**SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> – **SEASON OPENER** Cross Country (Boys Only) 6pm and (Girls Only) 6:45pm**

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## 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 4<sup>th</sup>. Updates coming soon for the first meeting.

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## ECMA ACADEMIC NEWS YOU CAN USE

- Upcoming SPLOST Dr. David Lewis, MCSD Superintendent is seeking suggestions for building improvements to all MCSD schools which would include ECMA. There will be a SPLOST suggestion form available at the Title I Open house on September 4<sup>th</sup> for parents to submit suggestions for consideration.
- It is with a heavy heart that we bid a fond farewell to Coach Shealy and wish of good luck to her as she returns home to Athens, GA for a dream job opportunity. The next newsletter will provide an update on her replacement.
- Students can request for a Schedule Change beginning Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Your child will be given the form during ILT on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and it must be signed by a parent and returned to the Main Office no later than August 27<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](#)
- **NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR TWENTY 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE & 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS**

Girls Inc. is partnering with ECMA to inspire (20) 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls and (20) 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls daily during their ILT class beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>. Selected students were given an application on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and must return the application on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Girls participating in the seminars will be equipped 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.

- **Did you know that an on grade level or higher Lexile score is beneficial to overall academic performance? Do you know your child's Lexile score? Historically East Columbus Magnet Academy has the highest average Lexile (Reading) growth of all MCSD middle and high schools in the past 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Lexile score and the 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, Ms. Traveika Hunter at [hunter.traveika@muscogee.k12.ga.us](mailto:hunter.traveika@muscogee.k12.ga.us).

<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade: End Of Year Target: 997</b>
Beginning Learner: 190-650
Developing Learner: 660-910
Proficient Learner: 925-970
Distinguished Learner: 980 +
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade: End of Year Target: 1045</b>
Beginning Learner: 190-730
Developing Learner: 740-960
Proficient Learner: 970-1010
Distinguished Learner: 1020 +
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade: End of Year Target: 1097</b>
Beginning Learner: 190-910
Developing Learner: 920-1040
Proficient Learner: 1050-1190
Distinguished Learner: 1200 +

- 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>

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Eighth graders' (Aubri Wilkins, Ambri Wilkins and Ja'Keves Bryant) leading the way and embracing the school uniform don't these Academic Scholars look ready to hit the books!



## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

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

