

EAST COLUMBUS MAGNET ACADEMY



KNIGHT NOTES: SEPTEMBER 9 - 13, 2019

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD:

Character Word of the Month: RESPECT (*Showing regard for the worth of someone or something*)

Character Word of the Week: RESPECT FOR OTHERS (*Concern for and motivation to act for the welfare of others*)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

- **PROGRESS REPORTS (Students will bring home the reports)**
- Debate Team Interest Meeting, Advisor Ms. Arnold (4:15 – 5:00pm)
- Cross Country Practice, Coach Souvenir (4:30 – 5:45pm)
- Volleyball Practice, Coach Armstrong (Volleyball Study Hall 4 – 4:45 PM and Volleyball Practice 5-7 PM)
- Football Practice, Coach Dye (4:00 – 6:30pm)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

- Beginner Band Tutorial, Advisor Mr. Cutliff (4:00 – 5:00pm, Pick up no later than 5:30)
- **SEASON OPENER** Cross Country (Boys Only) 6pm and (Girls Only) 6:45pm Volleyball Practice, Coach Armstrong (Volleyball Study Hall 4 – 4:45 PM and Volleyball Practice 5-7 PM)
- Football Practice, Coach Dye (4:00 – 6:30pm)
- Dazzling Knights, Advisor Ms. Johnson (4:15 – 5:45pm)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

- BESS administered to students during their ELA class
- ALL-DISTRICT Band Prep for Auditions, Advisor Mr. Cutliff (4:00 – 5:00pm, Pick up no later than 5:30)
- Cross Country Practice, Coach Souvenir (4:30 – 5:45pm)
- **SEASON OPENER** Football Game, Fort vs ECMA @ ECMA 5:15pm
- Dazzling Knights, Advisor Ms. Johnson (4:15 – 5:45pm)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

- **ELA Tutorial with Ms. Arnold (4:15 – 5:00pm) Written note by parent required by Wed for student to stay**
- Advanced Band Practice, Advisor Mr. Cutliff (4:00 – 5:00pm, Pick up no later than 5:30)
- Cross Country Practice, Coach Souvenir (4:30 – 5:45pm)
- Cheerleading Practice, Coach Hunter (4:15 – 6:00)
- Football Practice, Coach Dye (4:00 – 6:30pm)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

- ALL-STATE Chorus Prep, Advisor Ms. Richardson (4:00 – 5:00pm)
- Cross Country Practice, Coach Souvenir (4:30 – 5:45pm)
- Volleyball Practice, Coach Armstrong (Volleyball Study Hall 4 – 4:45 PM and Volleyball Practice 5-7 PM)
- Football Practice, Coach Dye (4:00 – 6:30pm)

2019 - 2020 MCSD STUDENT HANDBOOK & CODE OF CONDUCT

Students have received a copy of their ECMA and MCSD handbook on August 19th. Please review the MCSD policies provided in the handbook and for your convenience the 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.

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 14TH – Volleyball Pre-Season Scrimmage @ Northside Gym Double Header ECMA vs Aaron Cohn & Harris County

SEPTEMBER 18TH – PTO/Local School Council Meeting, ECMA Cafeteria 6:00 – 7:00pm

OCTOBER 28TH - Get Ready! The Book Fair is coming back to East Columbus, which will also be the same day as our ECMA Math/Science/Technology night! Stay tuned for more information and volunteer sign up info!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

At ECMA there are many ways for parents to get involved! Most of these opportunities come from PTO! Concession stand support for home games, ECMA Knight Store, after school traffic flow for car riders and walkers.

ECMA HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

- **ATHLETICS:** Parents be advised that non-athletes ARE NOT allowed to remain after school with siblings for practice. Additionally, on game days non-athletes must go home and return for the game. Students **CANNOT** hang around the school unsupervised.
- 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 3:20pm 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. **Cell phones that have been confiscated by a teacher or administrator must be picked up by a parent in the Main Office between 9am – 3:20pm with no exception.**
- 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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We are happy to announce our Snack Program! This program is funded through the Optimist Club of Columbus and we are extremely grateful. If you choose to enroll your child, he/she will receive a snack bag on Fridays at no cost to you!

This year, we have **a limited amount of bags** for distribution; therefore, everyone may not receive a bag. We will also rotate names this year in order to reach more students. Again, there are limited slots for this program and all forms must be received by the front office no later than Monday September 9th. All forms will be placed in a random drawing in order to allow everyone an unbiased and equal opportunity to be chosen; which means a sibling/family group may not all receive a weekend bag if all of their names are not pulled in the random drawing. Parents if you are interested please contact Mrs. McClary or Ms. Yosheka Alford the counselors for a form.

ECMA NEWS YOU CAN USE

- **ATTENTION! ATTENTION!** PARENTS talk with your student(s) about Chromebook care. Review the information found in the link provided. Non-typical damage to the Chromebook can be charged to you the parent. Students were all given a cushioned case and the option to carry a clear book bag to prevent damage. <http://sites/muscogee.k12.ga.us/pl/>
- If you have a child with allergies that requires the use of an EpiPen please call the following number for a FREE pen: 1.877.30A.UVIQ.
- Dr. David Lewis, MCSD Superintendent is seeking suggestions for building improvements to all MCSD schools which would include ECMA. There will be an ESPLOST suggestion form available in the main office until September 19th for parents to submit suggestions for consideration.
 - ESPLOST funds can only be used for capital improvements, new schools, busses, renovations and technology.
 - ESPLOST funds **may not** be utilized for personnel, instructional supplies, etc.
 - A definitive date has not yet been set by the Board of Education for an ESPLOST to appear on a ballot but will be soon.
 - ESPLOST will be a continuation of the one-cent sales tax that has been in place for twenty years.
 - The Citizens' ESPLOST Committee has validated that all projects specified in the current and previous ESPLOSTS have been completed or are underway.

ECMA ACADEMIC NEWS YOU CAN USE

- How do I support my student at home in the classes they are struggling to pass? Where can I find opportunities to accelerate the learning? See the attachment **STANDARDS AND RESOURCES**

STANDARDS AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT LEARNING in ALL Classes

login in to parent portal via app or website:
<https://campus.muscogee.k12.ga.us/campus/portal/muscogee.jsp>

Click "More":



Click "SLDS Portal"



Click "Resources"



Click on the underlined course name:

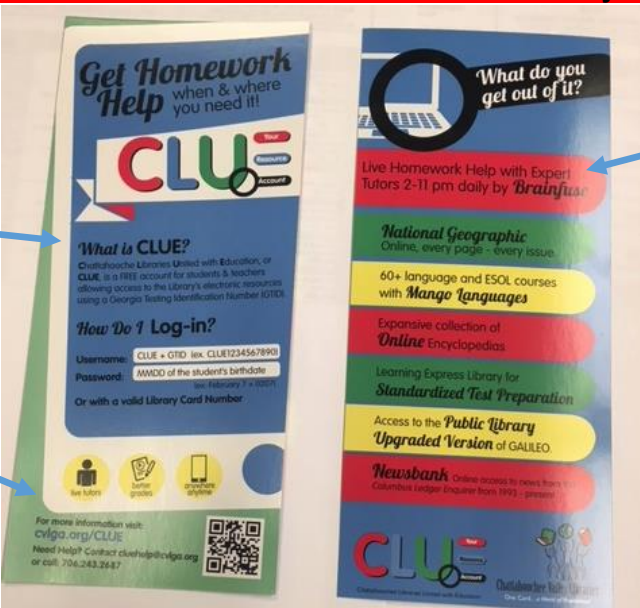


Click on any standard to see resources to support learning for that standard:



- Reading Bowl students will be announced on Monday, September 9th. Permission forms must be returned by September 13th for student to retain their spot and a signed AUP must be on file. Check the website and Instagram @ecmaknights or @librarylady.jmb on Monday!
- News/AM Announcement Team students will be announced on Monday, September 9th. Permission forms must be returned by September 13th for students to retain their spots and a signed AUP must be on file. Check the website and Instagram @ecmaknights or @librarylady.jmb on Monday!
- Get Ready! The Book Fair is coming back to East Columbus beginning the evening of Monday, October 28th, which will also be the same day as our ECMA Math/Science/Technology night! Stay tuned for more information and volunteer sign up info!
- Students who choose to read on their own time are statistically better prepared to succeed in school. Ask your student what they are reading from the library and encourage discussion! What problem is the character facing? How can they solve it? What is one piece of new information they've gained from their book? This is one simple way to fit meaningful conversation into busy days!

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! FREE AT HOME TUTORING...See the flyer below.



Start here to set up an account

WEBSITE AND HELP INFORMATION

DATES/TIMES

For more information visit: cvlga.org/CLUE
 Need Help? Contact cluelhelp@cvlga.org or call: 704.243.2447

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