

EAST COLUMBUS MAGNET ACADEMY



KNIGHT NOTES: SEPTEMBER 23 - 27, 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 LEARNING AND PUNCTUALITY (*Appreciation for the importance of and effort involved in acquiring knowledge. Showing high regard for the worth of promptness*)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

- Debate Team Practice, 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 24TH

- Beginner Band Tutorial, Advisor Mr. Cutliff (4:00 – 5:00pm, Pick up no later than 5:30)
- Cross Country Meet (Boys/Girls) 6:45pm @ Kinnett Stadium
- 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 25TH

- ALL-DISTRICT Band Prep for Auditions, Advisor Mr. Cutliff (4:00 – 5:00pm, Pick up no later than 5:30)
- Football Game, Harris Co MS vs ECMA @ ECMA 5:15pm
- Cross Country Practice, Coach Souvenir (4:30 – 5:45pm)
- Dazzling Knights, Advisor Ms. Johnson (4:15 – 5:45pm)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

- 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)
- Volleyball Double Header @ ECMA, (Match 1) ECMA vs Faith, (M3)ECMA vs Fort **(Match 1 5:30pm remaining matches will run concurrently)**
- 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 27TH

- 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

OCTOBER 15TH – 18TH HOMECOMING WEEK

OCTOBER 28TH – STEM Night and ECMA Book Fair - 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.

Congratulations to the NEW PTO OFFICERS for the 2019 - 2020 school year:

President: Sandra Williams
Treasurer: Katrina Miller

Vice-President: Gabby Barron
Secretary: Lashawn Wilson

ECMA HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

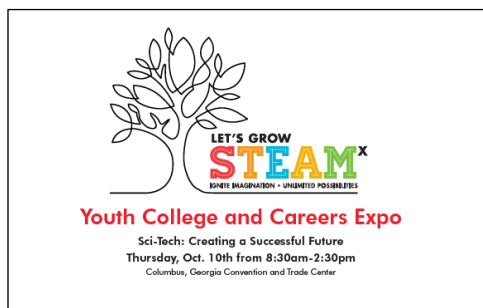
- **ATHLETICS: Parents be advised that non-athletes ARE NOT allowed to remain after school with siblings for practice. Additionally, on game days non-athletes must go home and return for the game. Students CANNOT hang around the school unsupervised.**
- Student **Drop Off is at 8am** and students should 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



50 ECMA Eighth grade students will be attend the Annual Let's Grow STEAM Youth College and Careers Expo on October 10th. The expo is hosted by the Columbus Probe College Fair during YCCE 2019. Probe is an annual program of college fairs and guidance counselor workshops that are held throughout the state of Georgia. The program is managed by the Georgia Education Articulation Committee (GEAC), whose sole mission is to disseminate information and stimulate interest in post-secondary education for students in Georgia.

- **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.
- **ATTENTION! ATTENTION!** PARENTS AND PARTNERS the ECMA Knight store is in need of donations to replenish items in the store prior to our first opening of the school year. We need school supplies, small games, grooming items for girls/boys, clear book bags, uniform shirts, chips, candy and drinks. Items can be left in the main office. Our students will use their PBIS points to select items from the store. Thank you for your generosity!



- ECMA and PIE partners have been hard at work the past two weeks planning support of the academic and social programs at ECMA. We are looking forward to another awesome year. Thank you Kodak and 198th Brigade for your continued support in the growth our Most Honorable Knights.



- High Praise and High Fives to the 3rd Period JLC students and 1SGT Wilson from the Superintendent Dr. Lewis. The ECMA JLC was one of two JLC programs visited by representatives of the Gwinnett County School District as they determine next steps for their JLC programs. The students demonstrated drill/color guard skills they have learned while in the JLC program, as well as, demonstrated excellent behavior and leadership skills. Below is the email I received the Superintendent:

All,

I am writing to thank and commend you on the way in which you represented your schools and our district during today's visit by Dr. Frank Jones and Ms. Nona Hodges from Gwinnett County. It is my understanding from Col. Barros that they were very impressed with your JLC programs, students and instructors. As you know, impressions and reputations are very important and you can and should feel very proud of those made by your programs to day- I know I am!

Again, kudos to all of you for your commitment to high quality and standards. You are great ambassadors for your schools, programs and our district. Thank you!

David F. Lewis, Ed.D.

- **Classroom Guidance Connections**...Ask your student what they have been learning from the Guidance Counselor, Mrs. McClary and Behavior Intervention Specialist during their visits to the classroom. This week Mrs. McClary delivered a lesson on how to differentiate between synonyms and antonyms for the character word of the month, "respect". A formative assessment strategy was utilized to determine students' understanding of the word respect: Thumbs up for synonyms, Thumbs down for antonyms!



ECMA ACADEMIC NEWS YOU CAN USE

- If your students are interested in robotics, Lego's, and engineering this will be the team for them. Contact Mr. Patrick Rathert for information and specifics.



- 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:
<http://campus.muscogee.k12.ga.us/campusportal/muscogee.jsp>

Click "More":

Click "SDFS Portal"

Click "Resources"

Click on the underlined course name:

23. English Language Arts - 23.01 Language Arts, General, Middle Grades (5-8)
<u>Language Arts/Grade 8 - Section 001.23.0130568</u>
27. Mathematics - 27.04 Mathematics, Secondary
<u>002. Algebra I/Students also enter only grade 9: 2008-2009 or after: new substitute this course for 27.08.100 or 27.002.0 or 27.08.110 - Section 001.27.0900380</u>
38. Physical Education - 38.00 Physical Education, (K-8)
<u>Physical Education/Grade 5 - Section 006.38.0000867</u>
40. Physical Sciences - 40.01 Physical Sciences, General
<u>Physical Science (Grades 5, 12) - Section 002.40.0110000</u>
46. Social Sciences - 46.00 Social Studies, Elementary (K-8)
<u>Georgia Studies/Grade 5 - Section 004.46.0000300</u>
64. Chorus - 64. Chorus
<u>Advanced Chorus (Grade 8) - Section 001.64.0152088</u>

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

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