

EAST COLUMBUS MAGNET ACADEMY



KNIGHT NOTES: SEPTEMBER 2 - 6, 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: MOTIVATION (*Pride and belief in one's self and the achievement of one's potential*)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

- **NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

- Beginner Band Tutorial, Advisor Mr. Cutliff (4:00 – 5:00pm, Pick up no later than 5:30)
- 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)
- Dazzling Knights, Advisor Ms. Johnson (4:15 – 5:45pm)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

- ALL-DISTRICT Band Prep for Auditions, Advisor Mr. Cutliff (4:00 – 5:00pm, Pick up no later than 5:30)
- **ECMA TITLE I MEETING at 5:30 - 6:00pm and ECMA OPEN HOUSE at 6:00 – 7:00pm in the school gym**
- Cross Country Practice, Coach Souvenir (4:30 – 5:45pm)
- Football Practice, Coach Dye (4:00 – 6:30pm)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

- Academic Bowl Team Try-Out, Advisor Mrs. Smith (4:15 - 5:00pm)
- Advanced Band Practice, Advisor Mr. Cutliff (4:00 – 5:00pm, Pick up no later than 5:30)
- Volleyball Scrimmage Game @ ECMA vs Arnold & Veterans Match 5:30pm
- 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 6TH

- 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)
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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 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 7TH – Football Pre-Season Scrimmage @ Kinnett Stadium 4:15pm ECMA vs Rothschild

SEPTEMBER 9TH - PROGRESS REPORTS

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

SEPTEMBER 11TH - BESS administered to students during their ELA class

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 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 3:20pm 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.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



- Shout out to 8th grader, Regina Howard, for representing ECMA as the Girls Inc. Eureka Summer Camp spokesperson during the United Way Kick-Off luncheon this week. This young lady wowed the crowd as she shared how donations to United Way allowed her to have this AWESOME STEM summer experience.
- **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 had the highest average Lexile (Reading) growth of all MCSD middle and high schools in 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. Be sure to talk with your child about their Lexile score and the goal of passing three 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.

ACHIEVE3000 LEADERS OF THE WEEK



Rondall Taylor



Jaiden Dewsberry



Lynnesha James

ECMA NEWS YOU CAN USE

- **ATTENTION! ATTENTION!** 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.
- **PBIS ALERT:** Students enjoyed Kona Ice during ILT on Wednesday if they have 25points in the bank. Friday students cashed in 50points for our 1st Dress out of Uniform reward. Students that didn't have a discipline referral in the month of August enjoyed a grade level block party during ILT where DJ Savage played the clean cut of the latest hits and students enjoyed their electronic devices.
- 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 at the Title I Open house on September 4th 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.



- Coach Dye's persistence has paid off in HUGE dividends. We received notification this week that **\$12,304.00** will be donated to enhance the ECMA Athletic program by the JJ Watt Foundation. The Justin J. Watt Foundation mission is to provide after-school opportunities for middle-school aged children in the community to become involved in athletics, so that they may learn the character traits of accountability, teamwork, leadership, work ethic, and perseverance, while in a safe and supervised environment with their peers.



Congratulations to Dr. Armstrong! He set a goal to walk or run 2,019 miles in the year 2019, and he achieved his goal on August 27th! For his efforts he earned a big medal that he wore to school this past Wednesday! Way to go "Dr. Coach" Armstrong!

ECMA ACADEMIC NEWS YOU CAN USE

- The administrative team will be finalizing class leveling and students in the HR/ILT of Ms. Louis-Charles and Mrs. Goodpaster will potentially be moved to an alternative schedule.
- Join me in welcoming the newest members to the ECMA staff Mrs. Natalie Hanna (6th-8th PE teacher) and Mrs. La'shaunna Wesby (Attendance Clerk)
- 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](#)

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

Get Homework Help when & where you need it!

CLUE Search Resource Account

What is CLUE?
Crestline Libraries United with Education, or CLUE, is a FREE account for students & teachers allowing access to the Library's electronic resources using a Georgia Testing Identification Number (GTID).

How Do I Log-in?

Username:

Password:

Or with a valid Library Card Number.

For more information visit: cvlga.org/CLUE

Need Help? Contact cluehelp@cvlga.org or call: 706.243.2647

What do you get out of it?

- Live Homework Help with Expert Tutors 2-11 pm daily by *Brainfuse*
- National Geographic Online, every page - every issue
- 60+ language and ESOL courses with *Mango Languages*
- Expansive collection of *Online Encyclopedias*
- Learning Express Library for *Standardized Test Preparation*
- Access to the *Public Library Upgraded Version* of GALILEO.
- Newsbank* Online access to news from the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer from 1993 - present!

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