

EAST COLUMBUS MAGNET ACADEMY



KNIGHT NOTES: NOVEMBER 11 - 15, 2019

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD:

Character Word of the Month: PATRIOTISM (*Respectful devotion or love to one's country.*)

Character Word of the Week: SERVICE TO OTHERS (*Useful, usable, and required duty to others.*)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

- **VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

- Math Club Meeting, Sponsor Dr. Armstrong and Mr. Reed (4:15 – 5:30pm)
- Math Tutorial with Dr. Armstrong (4:15 – 5:00pm) **Written note by parent required by Tues for student to stay.**
- Beginner Band Tutorial, Advisor Mr. Cutliff (4:00 – 5:00pm, Pick up no later than 5:30)
- JLC Color guard Practice, Advisor 1SGT Wilson (4:14 – 5:30pm)
- Dazzling Knights, Advisor Ms. Johnson (4:15 – 5:45pm)
- Lady Knights Basketball Conditioning/Try-outs, Coach Lumpkin (4 - 6:00pm) **Students must have an updated physical on file at ECMA to participate.**
- Knights Basketball Conditioning/Try-outs, Coach Dye (4 - 6:00pm) **Students must have an updated physical on file at ECMA to participate.**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

- **PROGRESS REPORT** **Students will bring home the reports.**
- ALL-DISTRICT Band Prep for Auditions, Advisor Mr. Cutliff (4:00 – 5:00pm, Pick up no later than 5:30)
- Dazzling Knights, Advisor Ms. Johnson (4:15 – 5:45pm)
- Lady Knights Basketball Conditioning/Try-outs, Coach Lumpkin (4 - 6:00pm) **Students must have an updated physical on file at ECMA to participate.**
- Knights Basketball Conditioning/Try-outs, Coach Dye (4 - 6:00pm) **Students must have an updated physical on file at ECMA to participate.**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

- Youth Art Month at the Columbus Museum 5:00-6:30pm **Light refreshments will be served.**
- Math Tutorial with Dr. Armstrong (4:15 – 5:00pm) **Written note by parent required by Thurs for student to stay.**
- 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)
- JLC Color guard Practice, Advisor 1SGT Wilson (4:14 – 5:30pm)
- Lady Knights Basketball Conditioning/Try-outs, Coach Lumpkin (4 - 6:00pm) **Students must have an updated physical on file at ECMA to participate.**
- Knights Basketball Conditioning/Try-outs, Coach Dye (4 - 6:00pm) **Students must have an updated physical on file at ECMA to participate.**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

- ALL-STATE Chorus Prep, Advisor Ms. Richardson (4:00 – 5:00pm)
- Knights Basketball Conditioning/Try-outs, Coach Dye (4 - 6:00pm) **Students must have an updated physical on file at ECMA to participate.**

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

NOVEMBER 18TH – ECMA Magnet Open House at 6pm (More details contact Ms. Arlys Clayborn, Magnet Coordinator)

NOVEMBER 25TH – 29TH – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

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.

ECMA SPOTLIGHT

ECMA celebrated Veteran's Day on Friday, November 8th. 1SGT Collin Gomillia, the 1st JLC instructor at ECMA served as the guest speaker to encourage the Knights to walk our hallways with integrity, honor, and pride. Students that notified the committee of immediate family members' who have served in the military were recognized and received a special certificate during the program. Several ECMA staff members were recognized for their service as well. If you missed this program the music provided by the combined KHS and ECMA orchestra (lead by Ms. Hunnewell), as well as, the trio that performed *Battle Hymn Republic* (Ms. Lumpkin, Mrs. Davis and Mr. Hall) brought everyone to their feet. This program was a small token of appreciation to the armed forces service and recognition of their pledge to uphold/protect our free democracy.



A special thank you to these ECMA employees for their service 1SGT Wilson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Marino, Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Seckinger, Ms. Lumpkin, Ms. Johnson, Ms. May, Ms. Arnold, Mr. Hall, and Ms. Elliott.

ECMA ACADEMIC NEWS YOU CAN USE



- **ATTENTION! ATTENTION!** Parents if your child has failed two or more courses in the 1st nine weeks he/she will receive a notice for mandatory Academic Evening School (8th grade only) or Academic Saturday School (6th and 7th grade only). For more details please contact Mrs. Tabithia McClary regarding Academic Evening School and Ms. Christy Grigsby regarding Academic Saturday School.
- Sixth grade parents please join the ECMA faculty and staff in thanking Mr. Gregory Hall for coming out of retirement to support the Science department and ensure that a certified teacher provided quality instruction for your child until a teacher could be found. Mr. Hall's last day will be November 14th and his replacement Mr. Timothy Virgil will be joining the Knight family. Mr. Virgil is no stranger to education, he comes with prior experience in the classroom, as well as, the business world. He will be shadowing Mr. Hall this week to ensure a seamless transition. Mr. Virgil is definitely excited about joining the ECMA community.
- **CELEBRATE SUCCESS 1ST 9WEEKS REPORT CARD FIELD TRIP** will be reschedule continue to check this newsletter for the new date.
- **ATTENTION! ATTENTION!** Parents your student needs a pair of headphones to remain in their ELA class to effectively utilize Lexia. Headphones can be purchased at the Dollar Tree and will remain with the teacher until the end of the school year to ensure they have the headphones when needed. Thank you in advance for support your child(ren) academic growth.
- 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/> Additionally, Chromebook cases are the property of MCSD not the student and will be recycled each year. Students will have some wear and tear to the cases; however, some of the current damage is beyond expected wear. From this point students will be assessed a \$10 fine on their library Destiny account for damaged Chromebook cases and \$2 fine to replace their Chromebook tag.

- 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.

Three Things to Know About 2020-2021 Magnet and Academy Application Processes

1. The Application
 - Online magnet applications will open on October 14, 2019.
 - The online applications will close at 5:00 p.m., January 17, 2020.
 - Each parent and/or student will receive an email regarding his or her application status on February 14, 2020.
 - Decisions will include a status of acceptance, wait-list, or denial.
 - Middle and high schools will conduct open houses for students and parents to get a snapshot of their programs.

2. Open House
 - Open houses will begin October 29, 2019 and conclude on December 17, 2019.

Open House	Magnet Program	Open House Dates	Open House Times	Contact Person	Phone Number
Orange Mountain Career High School	STEM/Engineering/Manufacturing	December 11, 2019	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Christina	864-744-2424
Northwest High School	Law & Justice	November 16, 2019 - December 7, 2019	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Tracy	864-744-2424
Westside High School	International Baccalaureate	October 28, 2019	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Tracy	864-744-2424
Golden Oak High School	Engineering/Chemistry/Computer	November 4, 2019	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Tracy	864-744-2424
Westside High School	University of Communications Arts and Design	November 11, 2019	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Tracy	864-744-2424
Westside High School	Engineering/Computer Science	December 8, 2019	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Tracy	864-744-2424
Westside High School	STEM/Engineering/Manufacturing	December 15, 2019	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Tracy	864-744-2424
Westside High School	STEM/Engineering/Manufacturing	December 22, 2019	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Tracy	864-744-2424
Westside High School	STEM/Engineering/Manufacturing	December 29, 2019	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Tracy	864-744-2424
Westside High School	STEM/Engineering/Manufacturing	January 5, 2020	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Tracy	864-744-2424
Westside High School	STEM/Engineering/Manufacturing	January 12, 2020	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Tracy	864-744-2424
Westside High School	STEM/Engineering/Manufacturing	January 19, 2020	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Tracy	864-744-2424
Westside High School	STEM/Engineering/Manufacturing	January 26, 2020	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Tracy	864-744-2424
Westside High School	STEM/Engineering/Manufacturing	February 2, 2020	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Tracy	864-744-2424

3. Important Dates
 - October 14: Magnet applications open.
 - January 17: Magnet applications close.
 - February 14: Completed entrance exams and auditions are due.
 - February 14: Magnet decisions will be emailed.
 - February 21: Offer decisions must be made by 11:59 p.m. on this date.
 - All offers will be rescinded after this time.
 - Apply or learn more [HERE](#)



Forrest Road Elementary is hosting our First Annual

Community Closet



Don't need it anymore? Don't throw it away!
Donate and support!

Forrest Road Elementary will be hosting our first annual community closet on November 16, 2019 from 8am-4pm. We are collecting new or gently used men, women, and children clothing of all sizes. We will start accepting donations in September and end on Friday, November 8, 2019.

Questions? Please call (706) 565-3062

LOCATION
Forrest Road Elementary
6400 Forrest Road
Columbus, GA 31907

Please Call Ahead of Time to Schedule An Appointment for Pick-up or Drop-off of Clothing.

STAY CONNECTED @ecmaknights

