

EAST COLUMBUS MAGNET ACADEMY



KNIGHT NOTES: DECEMBER 16 - 20, 2019

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD:

Character Word of the Month: TOLERANCE (*Consideration for the individual differences, views, and beliefs of other people.*)

Character Word of the Week: CONSIDERATE (*Showing concern for the rights and feelings of others.*)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th

- Debate Team Practice, Advisor Ms. Arnold (4:15 – 5:00pm)
- Lady Knights Basketball Practice, Coach Lumpkin (4 – 5:30pm)
- Knights Basketball Practice, Coach Dye (5:30 - 7:00pm)
- ECMA Cheerleaders, Coach Hunter (4:05 – 6:00pm)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17th

- **Academic Evening School, Advisor Mrs. McClary (4:30 – 6:30pm)**
- 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)
- Dazzling Knights, Advisor Ms. Johnson (4:15 – 5:45pm)
- Lady Knights Basketball Practice, Coach Lumpkin (4 – 5:30pm)
- Knights Basketball Practice, Coach Dye (5:30 - 7:00pm)
- ECMA Cheerleaders, Coach Hunter (4:05 – 6:00pm)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18th

- DOUBLE CHURCHES MS vs ECMA @ HOME (Lady Knights 5:30pm and Boy's directly after)
- 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)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19th

- **Academic Evening School, Advisor Mrs. McClary (4:30 – 6:30pm)**
- 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)
- Lady Knights Basketball Practice, Coach Lumpkin (4 – 5:30pm)
- Knights Basketball Practice, Coach Dye (5:30 - 7:00pm)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th

- ARNOLD MS vs ECMA @ HOME (Lady Knights 5:30pm and Boy's directly after)
- ALL-STATE Chorus Prep, Advisor Ms. Richardson (4:00 – 5:00pm)

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

DECEMBER 23rd – January 7th Christmas Break

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

For the third year ECMA has participated in the international movement to expose students to Coding on Wednesday, December 11th ECMA partnered with TSYS and Kodak and students enjoyed Christmas themed coding opportunities in their math class. The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science, starting with 1-hour coding activities but expanding to all sorts of community efforts. The Hour of Code takes place each year during Computer Science Education Week. The 2019 Computer Science Education Week is December 9-15 this year; however, schools can host an Hour of Code all year-round. Computer Science Education Week is held annually in recognition of the birthday of computing pioneer Admiral Grace Murray Hopper (December 9, 1906). *Every* student should have the opportunity to learn computer science. It helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path.

Location & Volunteers	Activity	Classes
 807 TSYS	Make a Flappy Santa Game  Make a Flappy game Code.org Learn to Code	Armstrong 6 th -8 th magnet Borom 8 th & one 7 th grade Souvenir 7 th grade
 804 TSYS	Help the Grinch Save Christmas  The Grinch: Saving Christmas Hour of Code Code.org	May 6 th grade
 702 TSYS	Low & High Tech Stations & Snowballs with snoopy  Snoopy Snowballs Code.org	K. Arnold M. Rathert
 Media Center & 407 Columbus Library	Dance Party 2019  Dance Party 2019 Code.org	Rathert

On Saturday, December 6th, the ECMA Knights Robotics Team competed in the MCSD First LEGO League tournament at CSU. We excelled in our project presentation on "Safety at the Wave Shaper Island" and our CORE Values presentation. We were competitive in the Robot Games and learned programming tips from teams from across the District.

Due to our performance, the team has been invited to participate in the Super Regional Tournament on January 25th. This means that ECMA placed in the top 15 out of more than 35 schools. The team has put in countless hours practicing and programming. The tournament team has even given up their Saturdays to practice at the Muscogee County STEAM center in preparation for competition. Please join us in congratulating them on a job well done!



Regional Competition

December 7, 2019
Columbus State University

Team Members:

Brannon Osborne	Kenneth Mangum
Ethan Oles	Madisyn Monk
Noah Chambers	Lexi Hill
Zion Wright	Abeni Clemons
Khalif Lewis	Jovarius Walker
Lechel Dye	Alayasha Smith
Torialexis Sanchez	

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students for winning the honor of representing ECMA in the Region 3 District Honor Band: Jakobi Gerideau 1st chair Trombone and Xavier Butler 4th chair Alto Saxophone

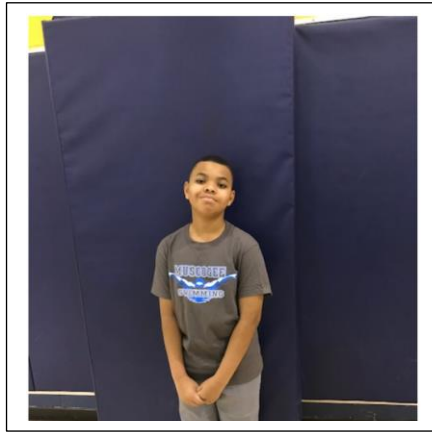


If you missed our Annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 10th you missed a real treat! This year the Art department joined the Orchestra, Band and Chorus in spreading holiday cheer by displaying Holiday themed artwork.



MCS D MIDDLE SCHOOL SWIMMER

6TH Grader, Reginald Taylor will be competing this year with the MCS D swim team. Reginald is the only ECMA student on the swimming team. Come cheer our fellow ECMA student at the Columbus Aquatics Center.



ECMA ACADEMIC NEWS YOU CAN USE

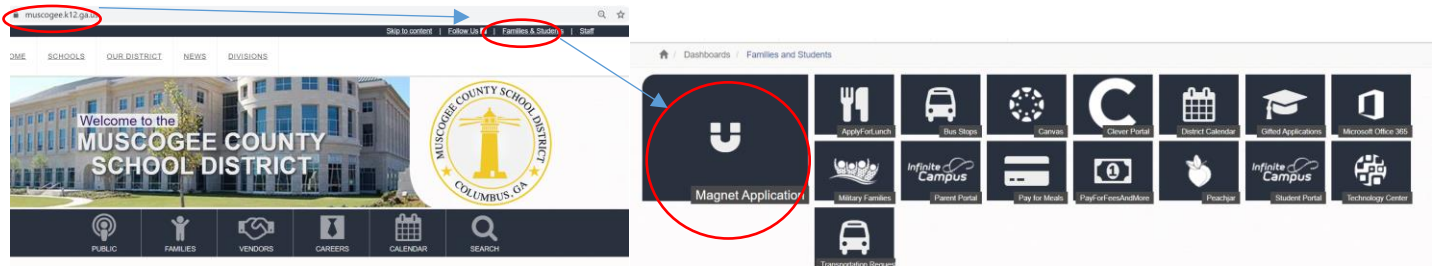
ACADEMIC EVENING SCHOOL DATES

Point of Contact: Tabitha McClary
 Times: 4:30 – 6:30pm (Tuesday/Thursday)
 Dates: December 2 – February 27
 Grade Level: 8th ONLY

ACADEMIC SATURDAY SCHOOL DATES

Point of Contact: Christy Grigsby
 Times: 8:00 – 12:00pm (Saturday)
 Dates: 12/14, 1/11, 1/28, 2/8, 2/22, 3/14 and 3/21
 Grade Level: 6th and 7th ONLY

- MAGNET APPLICATION TIME!!!** If you have a rising 6th – 9th grader the deadline for the completion of a Magnet Application is quickly approaching. Visit the Muscogee County School District website use the guide provided below by following the blue arrows and clicking on the icons circled in red, prior to **January 17, 2020 at 11:59PM** to give your student an opportunity to compete with their peers across the district for a seat in the magnet school of their choice. **Don't forget ECMA for grades 6th – 8th!!!**



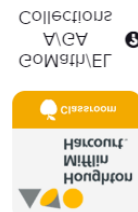
- Parents don't allow your students to miss out on opportunities for remediation or enrichment while they are at home for the Thanksgiving Break. The apps listed below are available in Clever and your child can utilize ANY Smart device or Smartphone to access all apps except "MyLexia." Encourage your child to work in at least two apps for one hour each.



Galloped



Achieve3000



- 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 MCS D 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.

STAY CONNECTED @ecmaknights

