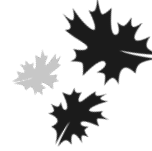




# ECS Update

November 2018



## SPECIAL APPRECIATION & WELCOME

### *Staff Change in Grades 5-6*

ECS gratefully acknowledges the service of Mr. John Rodger in grades 5-6 this fall. However, due to family responsibilities and health circumstances, Mr. John Rodger has chosen to resign. ECS greatly respects and appreciates Mr. Rodger's decision to step out of the classroom so that he may tend to his family. Graciously, the Lord has brought a new teacher to the ministry: Miss Sarah Collins will formally join our staff on Monday, October 29.



## PROCEDURAL REMINDERS

### *PM Care & Back Parking Lot*

ECS cones off the upper area of the parking lot for student use during school and aftercare. We ask that parents picking up children after 3:25 park on the street-side of these cones in the back-parking lot.

**Special Note:** According to VA law code, children through age 7 (until they turn 8) must be restrained with an approved child restraint device (not merely a seat-belt) in accordance with Department of Transportation standards when riding in vehicles.

### *Report Cards*

ECS mails report cards within one week of the close of each quarter to parents whose billing statements are current. We plan to release 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report cards by Friday, November 2. Please contact the school office if you do not receive your student's report card in the mail by mid-November.

## HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

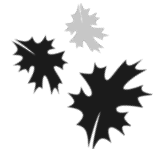
### *Dress Code Clarification*

As cool weather approaches, ECS reminds parents that outer coats, jackets, hoodies and fleeces should not be worn in the classroom.

## FROM THE KITCHEN

The ECS kitchen would like to remind parents that ECS provides condiments only for the meals that are prepared. ECS has a limited to supply and may or may not have certain condiments available. If you are packing a lunch for your student, please plan to provide the needed condiments.

To clarify, the blue snack tickets purchased from the office are only accepted during lunch and After Care hours. ECS does not sell snacks during the morning snack break in the classroom. Please plan to pack and send in a morning snack for your student



## FUNDRAISING NOTES

### *Thanks for your Fall Fundraising Efforts!*

We want to thank all parents and students who participated in our God's Creation Calendar fundraising sale this year. Profits from this event have been set aside for the purchase of new student iPads as a part of our Technology Upgrade Project.

### *Reminder*

ECS collects boxtops in conjunction with the BoxTops for Education program. Please bring your clipped boxtops to Mrs. French in the office.

## CALENDAR NOTES

### *ODACS Educators Convention (November 8-9)*

ECS teachers will participate in the annual ODACS Educators Convention in Charlottesville, VA, as a part of our professional development program on Thursday and Friday, November 8-9. There will be no classes or extended care on Thursday and Friday, November 8-9. While the school office will be open on Thursday until noon, it will be closed on Friday in observance of Veterans' Day.

### *November 20 and Thanksgiving Break (November 21-23)*

#### Early Dismissal before Thanksgiving Break

ECS observes a noon dismissal on **Tuesday, November 20**. **PM Extended Care will NOT be provided on Tuesday, November 20**. Any student not picked up by 12:30 PM will be charged the standard late pick-up rate of \$15/quarter hour or portion thereof. ECS will not hold classes and EBC-ECS offices will be closed from Tuesday noon through Friday, November 23. Offices will re-open and classes will resume on Monday, November 26.



#### Thanksgiving Celebration Day

ECS traditionally remembers America's first Thanksgiving on the day before Thanksgiving break (Tuesday, November 20) and we invite all students to dress as Pilgrims or Indians on this half day of school. Student outfits must meet ECS standards for modesty and any student choosing not to participate in this dress-up day must report to school in uniform.

The ECS Kitchen will prepare a school-wide feast to serve parents and students in attendance this Tuesday morning. Menu and order details will be released separately.



## LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

Our ECS annual Christmas program is scheduled for 7:30 PM on Thursday, December 13. Please make your plans to attend this program and invite your friends to join you for this refreshing evening celebrating the real meaning of Christmas.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER 2019

ECS is making plans to re-open its summer day care program. Details will be released early next calendar year.