



ECS OFFICE NEWS

Home of the
KNIGHTS!

Week of
August 3, 2009

Vocational Education

By Ted Trainor, Headmaster

Welcome New Families! Welcome Veteran Families Back to School!

Some of the best words get ruined over time. For instance, in the 1700's, when people were full of awe for something – awe inspired – they might positively identify with Isaac Watts who once penned these words, "How sweet and awful is the place with Christ within the doors." Today, the hymn has been re-written to amplify only slight awe or some awe: "How sweet and awesome is the place."

"Vocation" is another one of those deflated words. Once, this word conveyed a

sense that God had uniquely equipped and gifted a person with a specific experience or fit someone with skills for use in a particular office – such as being a pastor or a musician. In education, "vocation" has become the term for the training needed to get a job rather than go to college. I think it safe to say that vocation has been synonymized to mean job. Thus, the "general sense" of what is meant by "vocation" has been surrendered to community colleges who offer sanctioned associate degrees which train you for a job.

Vocation is derived from

the Latin word, "vocare" meaning "to call." Call means that there is a Caller. The caller knows you; he sees the fabric of our being. He has knitted you together for the purpose of glorying Him.

I pray that this year, your children will immensely grow in wisdom and charity with regard to this Call and the Caller. May God give us such a year as we would sing of the year of education gone by, "How sweet and awful is the place with Christ within the doors, while everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores."

*"The fear
of the
Lord is the
beginning
of
knowledge;
fools despise
wisdom and
instruction."
Proverbs 1:7*

Procedure reminders:

- You must check your children in at the office if you arrive after 8:20am. The doors are usually locked by 8:20am.
- Rules for drop off and pick up: Please enter at the road closest to our school sign. Those needing to drop off 1st grade and higher will do so in front of the 500 bldg. Then drive around making a U to drop off for Prek/K. Pick up in this same manner. If you want to walk your child to the class, DO NOT park in front of the bldg. Please park in the parking lot in front of the playground or in front of the 100 bldg (office). Please DO NOT park on the darker tar parking spots.
- If you need to bring items to the school for your child (lunch, books, clothes, etc.) please bring them to the office. We will not interrupt class for the students to come outside to pick up items.
- If you need to check your child out for the day, please come to the office to sign him out and the office will then contact the classroom. We encourage you to tell the teacher if you know what time you will pick them up, as then the teacher will be aware to have things together around that time.

Happy Birthday
To You!!

Knox 1st Grade	8/1
Brendon 5th Grade	8/6
Zachary 1st Grade	8/14
Malik 4th Grade	8/15
Katelyn 10th Grade	8/24
Claire Pre-K Grade	8/24
Trey Pre-K Grade	8/25
Luke Kindergarten	8/31



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Announcements



August 3rd— First Day of School—Welcome!
August 7th— Soccer Coach sign ups DUE
August 15th—New Parent Orientation 9am—11am
August 15th—Tuition Payments DUE
September 2nd—Chapel Uniforms Required
September 7th—Labor Day—NO SCHOOL

Dear ECS Families,

Be on the look out for this weekly office newsletter. It will be emailed to you at the beginning of each week. It will also be available for you to look at online at the school website. We hope that this will be a good line of communication to you from the Office Staff of ECS!

With His Grace~ Ted Trainor and Christina Meyers

Coaches Needed for Soccer



We offer a soccer team through the YMCA. In the fall we offer this to students in 1st grade and higher. If you are interested in a younger student playing you will need to simply contact the YMCA directly. We will need Coaches and Asst Coaches.

**Mr. Trainor will Coach U12, Mrs. Bass will Coach U10
YOU??? Coach U8**

Please contact Mrs. Gina Bass if you are interested in Coaching soccer U8.
gbass@effinghamchristian.org or 912-826-1951

SIGN UPS for Soccer will be sent home as a separate flyer later this week! The deadline is NEXT FRIDAY!

Chapel Uniforms

This uniform will not be required until Wed., September 2nd.

*If you need a tie, please be sure to *call* Buckhead Uniforms or Patrick's Uniforms. You can not order this item online.

ART SUPPLIES

Mrs. Thomerson needs your help! If you can bring in soup cans (15oz and larger) and old newspapers!

Mrs. Thomerson's room is the last door on the right in the 500 bldg bottom floor. Feel free to just drop items off right in her classroom.

3rd grade will need a shoe box by next Wed. August 12th.

CAR RIDER TAGS

Are you in need of additional car rider tags?

Please contact Christina in the office by **Thursday Morning** with how many additional tags you need.

They will be sent home with students Friday.

Car Magnets

Magnets are available in the office. Each family will receive 1 for free and if you would like to purchase an additional magnet, they are \$5.



HOT LUNCH

We are looking to start hot lunches at the end of this month. Until then please send your students with a lunch from home. We will offer hot lunch 3-days a week (Mon, Wed & Friday). The cost will be \$3 per lunch and payment for an entire month is due by the 20th of the month before. You will receive a menu to complete and send payments back in with the menu. Karra Harden & Robyn Arnold will be the coordinators. They will need helpers! If you are able to assist during lunch time please call them directly and let them know. Karra 667-4954 or Robin 826-3556