



ECS OFFICE NEWS

Home of the
KNIGHTS!

Week of
August 17, 2009

“Gentle Reminders”

By ECS Headmaster Ted Trainor

Just a few notes to assist with your (and my!) transition “Back to School”:

1. Please **park only in the light gray area** of the parking lot; be sure to give your carpool surrogates these directions as well. We try to keep the parking lot between the 500 (2 story) and 200 buildings (preK &K) clear so that munchkins in red, black and white can be plainly seen by all drivers.

2. Chapel uniforms are required beginning Wednesday, Sept. 2nd. Please be sure to buy **SOLID DARK BROWN OR BLACK shoes** for these special uniform days.

3. We generally anticipate giving no **home-work** on Wednesdays or weekdays; however, some slower working students will bring home school work every Wednesday or weekend. Having four Trainees (7th, 5th, 4th, 1st) in the school, I never assume that every child has a break on those days. For instance, 1st graders have “Reading Logs” each week; Wednesday

night is an excellent night to work ahead on those and enjoy family reading time at the table!

4. **TARDIES:** Students are marked tardy if they are not in their home-room at 8:20am. **Shoot for 8:15am** and your child will have a relaxing start to the day. Those who consistently run late inconvenience the class; please try to be early.

5. After two weeks, you may find that you have **questions or concerns for your teacher.** Please drop teachers a note, an email, or a phone call to request a phone conference. As we all have at one time or another figured out, phone or face to face contact, though more lengthy due to our penchant for small talk, will be more personally rewarding. Written notes or emails, especially those absent of a friendly smiley face or sent all in CAPITAL letters, are at times misunderstood. Remember the cardinal rules for communication between parents and teachers:

~James 1:19: “Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger”;

~Proverbs 18:19: “The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him.”

~(1 Peter 4:8): “Love covers a multitude of sins”

~Romans 14:19: “... Make every effort to do what leads to peace and mutual edification.”

6. Your child's **ERB CTP-4 test scores** will be sent home in a sealed enveloped tomorrow! Remember our tests are unique for independents schools so the scoring process is not like the typical CRCT/Iowa/Standford tests. We actually get excited about students being at or above 50%. Students who score in the 90th percentile or above are a much smaller percentage than on other tests. More on this tomorrow!

“So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.”
Romans 14:19

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 17th—Tuition Payments PAST DUE
August 20th—Hot Lunch order forms for Sept. DUE
September 1st—Progress Reports
September 2nd—Chapel Uniforms Required
September 7th—Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
September 16th— School Pictures

September 18th—Fall Family Picnic 7-9pm
October 5th—9th—Fall Break
October 13th—Report Cards
October 14th—Awards Chapel

School Calendar

Be sure to go to www.effinghamchristian.org and view the calendar. It has been updated with several upcoming events for this school year!

Simply click on the left hand side where it says Calendar. The current month will pop up and then you can click on a listing for more details.

Info Direct

Several of you have asked about logging onto Info Direct to check your students' grades and homework.

We are having technical difficulties and are not able to send out the User Name and Passwords at this time. I am hoping to have this problem corrected by the end of the week. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Tie Confusion

Chapel Uniforms will be required starting on Wednesday, September 2.

If you have not received a tie before the required date above; please show your teacher a copy of the order form from the vendor. This will let us know that you have completed your part and are now waiting on the vendor's having the supply item you need.

If you have any questions about uniforms please contact Christina in the office at 912.826.3327.

End of the Year Testing

The CTP4 testing that the students took in April 2009 results will be sent home via the student tomorrow.

If you have any questions please contact Ted Trainor at 912.826.3327 or by email at ttrainor@effinghamchristian.org

2008/2009 Yearbooks

They have been shipped UPS and should be arriving any day now!

We will pass them out to students at the end of school as soon as they come in. Please keep in mind we will not have a set time for students to pass them around to one another, but they are welcome to have them on campus and before or after school encouraged to have friends look over them together and write in them.