

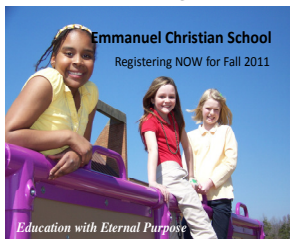


THE TORCH

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE ECS ADMINISTRATION

Join us on facebook. ECS has a great facebook page that is updated daily with news, quotes, updates and highlights of the day at school. Announcements and reminders are also posted daily. Facebook is a great to keep in touch with all the exciting things happening at ECS - facebook " Emmanuel Christian School"

Enroll NOW for the 2011-12 school year



Working Hard

- 5 new students were added to the rolls last week.
- New Crisis Management plan written and ready for approval
- Summer camp rolling along in week 5 already!!
- Working to get ready for reaccreditation

New name, same teacher

On Saturday, July 2 Miss Brittany Edgar married Mr Jeff Clifton. Miss Edgar is now Mrs. Clifton. Brittany will be starting her 2nd full year at ECS this fall.

Brittany, her mother (Julie Edgar) and I (Allan Edgar) would like to thank all those that attended the wedding or supported the newly wedded couple through prayers and gifts.

Guidance Department

Mrs. Barbara Pyles is our new guidance counselor. Mrs. Pyles is an experienced educator and will do a great job handling the guidance of our students in their academics and working with juniors and seniors in helping them with college choices.

All Athletes

Believe it or not the new school year is just around the corner and we are thinking about SPORTS. All athletes must have a sports physical before participating. The varsity volleyball practice begins on August 15 and the JV/Jr High starts on August 22. Varsity soccer begins on August 22. This means you need to have a physical before that time. Our goal is to have all athletes have their physicals before practice begins. You may download the form from our web site. I recommend you get it soon because as the summer progresses it gets harder to get an appointment. Physicals are required, so don't delay.

Also, there is a \$50 athletic fee for participation that is due before the first game.

July 5, 2011

DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 15
Varsity Volleyball starts
- August 22-26
Teacher Orientation
- August 22
Varsity soccer and JH/JV volleyball starts
- August 27
School Orientation
- August 29
School Begins
- September 5
No School: Labor Day
- September 12-14
MS/HS Retreat



Coaches Needed for Next Year

Varsity Volleyball: practice begins August 15. Stipend of \$1000.

JV Volleyball: practice begins August 22. Stipend of \$750.

We continue to host daily

"Experience ECS"

where current and prospective families can tour our facilities

Insights Into ECS

“Education with Eternal Purpose”

Emmanuel Christian School (ECS) is a Church-owned, Southern Baptist; biblically based Christian school.

ECS is a believer school:

ECS serves families where at least 1 parent is a professing Christian.

ECS enrolls new students at the high school level (9th – 12th grades) who profess Christ and are active in a church.

ECS is committed to recruiting and retaining professionally equipped teachers who are Christian role-model mentors, committed to lead and graduate students by fusing the message of Christ into every aspect of the daily learning experience.

ECS is committed to embracing and integrating modern technology use as a tool in the instruction of students and in communicating with staff, families and community.

ECS is committed to offer a broad range of athletics, fine arts, social and co curricular activities to allow students to enjoy God through life experiences while living the standards of Christ.

ECS is committed to providing a challenging instructional program that is Christ-centered, biblically fused which forms the foundation of all truth and promotes a standard of academic excellence while assisting those who demonstrate strong learning potential and preparing all for the next stage of academic pursuit and life.

ECS is committed to properly compensate teachers and staff, and to maintain facilities and equipment, which reflect the value of the school's Mission and meet standards for accreditation.

ECS is committed to fiscal stability through ethical financial management, including a balanced operational budget from tuition, student-related fees, and auxiliary enterprises.

ECS is a Church-owned, Board-directed, staff-managed school, which is committed to a governance model of integrity and servant leadership, thus ensuring operational standards that deliver the Mission of the school.

ECS is committed to missions, ministry, outreach and service to our home community and beyond to engage the culture and change it.

ECS encourages respect, involvement, support, and service to the church.

ECS is committed to mutual respect in all relationships.

ECS Positions Needed

- Part-time elementary art teacher (could be combined with computer)
- Part-time elementary computer teacher (could be combined with art)
- Part-time cook in the kitchen (20 hours: 9:00am - 1:00pm)
- Substitute teachers at all levels

We need drivers with a CDL/air brakes license to help us drive for field trips.

Prayer Requests Prayer Requests

- Mr Ryan Owens: ECS parent -- recovery from surgery for tumors in his brain
- Tina Sokolowski (K5 teacher) recovery from cancer
- Meredith Lehmer: God's blessing on her family as she enters retirement
- ECS: enrollment / decisions for 2011-12 pray for 225 students
- School board : strategic planning for ECS
- Staff needs for 2011-12
- ECS summer camp
- Summer travel: safety for our teachers and families as they travel this summer
- Health issues for several of our teachers' parents
- Housing for some of our teachers: Arringtons are looking for a place to live and a new teacher, Scott Scarfo, is in need of a place to live

I Chronicles 16:11 "Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually"

Hey Mom and Dad

Our children belong to God. They are here to fulfill God's purposes, not ours. And our highest calling is to live faithfully before God, not create ideal children.

The Limits Of Parents

John Mark Ministries

I gave you life, but I cannot live it for you.

I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn.

I can give you directions, but I cannot be there to lead you.

I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for it.

I can take you to church, but I cannot make you believe.

I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot decide for you.

I can buy you a beautiful garment, but I cannot make you beautiful inside.

I can offer you advice, but cannot accept it for you.

I can give you love, but I cannot force it upon you.

I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish.

I can teach you to respect, but I cannot force you to show honor.

I can advise you about friends, but I cannot choose them for you.

I can advise you about sex, but I cannot keep you pure.

I can tell you the facts of life, but I cannot build your reputation.

I can tell you about drinking, but I cannot say no for you.

I can warn you about drugs, but I cannot prevent you from using them.

I can tell you about lofty goals, but I cannot achieve them for you.

I can teach you about kindness, but I cannot force you to be gracious.

I can warn you about sin, but I cannot make you moral.

I can love you as a child, but I cannot make you walk with God.

I can teach you about Jesus, but I cannot make Jesus your Lord.

I can tell you how to live, but I cannot give you eternal life.

Christian Education

"Every decision you make – every decision - is not a decision about what to do. It is a decision about Who You Are. When you see this, when you understand it, everything changes. You begin to see life in a new way. All events, occurrences, and situations turn into opportunities to do what you came here to do."

What the Bible Says About Education

The first part of this answer has to do with the role of the parent. The parent is the God-appointed leader and teacher of a child. This should come as no surprise to anyone, including a non-Christian. The overwhelming task of raising a child is in the hands of the parents.

Ps. 127:3: "Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him."

Eph. 6:4: "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

But teach them what? Clearly, God has a great deal to say about this. Before that question is answered, another must be dealt with: "What or who is the most important thing or person for the child to know?" The answer is, "God is the most important person for a child to know." The goal of Christian parents is for their child to know God in a personal way and to know all about God. Nothing could be more important.

With those two simple facts in place as the foundation of our discussion, we can now look at what God has to say more specifically. God says that the education of children and youth is a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week process that must take place from birth through maturity. Note the Deuteronomy passage below and the context. God is instructing His people how to live as they prepare to go into the Promised Land. Critical to the life and health of His people is the teaching of the Word of God by parents on a daily basis in every situation.

Deut. 11:18-21: "Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth."

Proverbs 22:6: "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

As you can see above, the education of children and youth must be based on God's Word as absolute truth.

Matthew 24:35: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

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