



PTO INFORMATION GUIDE

Dear EC Elementary & Preschool Parents,

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a great summer and are as excited about the school year as we are. We have lots of great events planned, lots of ways to get involved, and we are confident that this year will be a memorable one!

This PTO welcome packet includes: more information about our PTO, our events calendar, volunteer opportunities, order forms, & more! We offer Chick-fil-A Tuesdays and Pizza Thursdays as a hot lunch option to our students every year as one of our annual fundraisers. Order instructions are included.

All PTO related information will be on our PTO website www.ecespto.com. We encourage you to bookmark this site and visit it regularly. **Please register your family on the website in order to gain full access to secure information that will only be visible if you are registered and logged in.**

Don't miss out on important reminders, updates, and fun photos by following us on our PTO facebook & instagram pages (facebook.com/ECESPTO) (instagram.com/eces_pto) as well as join the EC Parents group page on Facebook.

We look forward to meeting all of you!

Sincerely,
Your PTO Board

What is the purpose of our PTO?

Our purpose is to grow, nurture, and connect our EC community while we create events and fundraisers that provide financial assistance to our school. Everything we do benefits our children.

Who can be part of the PTO?

There is no need to 'join' the PTO. *Every parent* with a child in Preschool and the Elementary School is part of our PTO.

Why volunteer?

We don't expect a huge time commitment and we can't do it all: we need you! Team work makes the dream work. An hour can be a big help and we have positions and tasks to fit all schedules and interests. *(You don't even have to come to the school or attend a meeting to be involved, although we'd really like to meet you personally!)* Students feel proud to see their parents involved. Involvement makes it easier to establish friendships with teachers and other parents.

Stay Connected

We welcome suggestions and ideas : [**espto@easternchristian.org**](mailto:espto@easternchristian.org)

Meetings

All parents are welcome to attend our PTO meetings held 3 times per year. We will meet immediately after chapel in the music room.

2023|2024 PTO MEETINGS

- Tuesday, October 3rd
- Tuesday, January 9th
- Tuesday, April 9th

PTO BOARD

2023/2024



President
Trisha Virga



co-Vice President
Cayla Carapezza



co-Vice President
Rachael Coppola



Treasurer
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Secretary
Lena Thomas



Events Coordinator
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ECES PTO CALENDAR 2023/2024

AUGUST 2023	JANUARY 2024
28 - PK MEET & GREET 11:30AM **	9 - PTO MEETING
28 - K - 2ND MEET & GREET 1PM **	16 - PARENTS IN PRAYER
29 - KINDERGARTEN & NEW PARENTS (PK-2ND) WELCOME EVENT IN ART ROOM	26 - MOMS NIGHT OUT (ALL EC)
31 - PRESCHOOL PARENT NIGHT 7PM **	FEBRUARY 2024
ROOM PARENT FORM OPEN	6 - PARENTS IN PRAYER
SEPTEMBER 2023	13 - FAMILY FUN NIGHT (SNOWTUBING)
CHICK-FIL-A/PIZZA ORDERS DUE (9/1)	12-23 - DOLLAR WAR FUNDRAISER
14 - BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT **	MARCH 2024
15 - BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC	12 - PARENTS IN PRAYER
15 - FALL PLANT SALE ORDERS DUE	22 - SPRING PLANT SALE ORDERS DUE
27 - FALL PLANT SALE PICK UP AT ECES	26 - EASTER CHAPEL (PRESCHOOL) **
OCTOBER 2023	26 - ALL CAMPUS PTO MEETING (HS)
3 - PTO MEETING	27-28 - PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES **
5 - MOMS NIGHT OUT	APRIL 2024
10 - PARENTS IN PRAYER	1-5 - SPRING BREAK **
13-14 - HOMECOMING WEEKEND **	9 - PTO MEETING
NOVEMBER 2023	16 - PARENTS IN PRAYER
1-3 - PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES*	20 - EC AUCTION GALA **
3 - DADS NIGHT OUT (ALL EC)	MAY 2024
8 - ALL CAMPUS PTO MEETING (HIGH SCHOOL DIITO COMMONS)	2 - SPRING PLANT SALE PICK UP AT ECES
14 - VETERAN'S CHAPEL (2ND GRADE) **	6-10 - TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
14 - PARENTS IN PRAYER	8 - TRIKE-A-THON (PK)
17 - FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT	9 - FUN(D) RUN (K-2ND)
21 - THANKSGIVING CHAPEL (1ST GRADE) **	11- PARENTS NIGHT OUT (ES/MS/HS)
CHRISTMAS PLANT/TREE FUNDRAISER	14 - PARENTS IN PRAYER
DECEMBER 2023	21 - VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CHAPEL **
9 - CHRISTMAS MARKET (ALL EC)	JUNE 2024
12 - CHRISTMAS CAROL CHAPEL **	3 - 2ND GRADE DAY (RAIN DATE 6/4)
19 - CHRISTMAS CHAPEL (KINDERGARTEN) **	7 - YEAR END FAMILY PICNIC
20 - CHRISTMAS STAFF GIFT DISTRIBUTION	11 - 2ND GRADE CELEBRATION CHAPEL **

** NON-PTO EVENT

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



Eastern Christian Elementary School
PTO invites you to our annual

KINDERGARTEN & NEW PARENT WELCOME EVENT

TUES AUG 29TH 8:30AM

ART ROOM

Welcome to EC! Come celebrate the start of the new school year, meet our PTO & other class level parents and have coffee & treats on us! We hope to see you there!

www.ecespto.com
espto@easternchristian.com



YOU'RE INVITED: BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC

(for all Elementary and Preschool families)

Friday, September 15, 2023 6-8pm

(In the event of rain, the picnic will be postponed)

What a great way to kick off the school year – see old friends, make new ones and let the kids play!

Please bring your own dinner, dessert and beverages, picnic blanket or chairs for you and your family.

(As a friendly reminder, alcohol is not permitted on school property. As always, please remember to treat our campus and our neighborhood with respect. We appreciate you taking the time to help leave our campus as clean as we found it before the picnic.)

Adult family members are responsible for the safety and supervision of their children during the event.

We hope to see you there!



FALL PLANT SALE

'Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall... F.Scott Fitzgerald'.

It is that time of the year when we fill our gardens with mums, flowering cabbages and kale.

9 inch Mums

10 inch Mums

(Colors: Yellow, Burgundy, White, Purple, Bronze)

9 inch Flowering Cabbages or Kale

(Colors: White or Red in each)

How to Purchase!

1) Go to: www.ecespto.com

a) Click the **Shop** tab

b) Select **Fall Plant Sale**,

Or to pay by check:

c) Click on **Documents** tab

d) Select **Fundraisers**,

e) Select **Fall Plant Sale** and print order form and submit with your check payable to ECES PTO.



All orders must be placed by **Friday, September 15, 2023**.
Plants will be distributed at ECES on Wednesday, September 27th, 2023.

Please share this with your families and neighbors.

Thank you for your support and happy planting!

FALL PLANT SALE

Order forms due : Friday, September 15, 2023

Pick up date : Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Questions: espto@easternchristian.org

Parent name: _____ Cell #: _____

Student name : _____ Grade: _____

9" Mums \$10 each	Qty	10" Mums \$15 each	Qty	Flowering Cabbage \$9 each	Qty	Flowering Kale \$9 each	Qty
Bronze		Bronze		Red		Red	
Burgundy		Burgundy		White		White	
Purple		Purple					
White		White					
Yellow		Yellow					
	___ x \$10		___ x \$15		___ x \$9		___ x \$9
Subtotal							
TOTAL	\$ (double check your totals and make checks payable to ECES PTO).						

Online orders : ecespto.com

Please share this with your families and neighbors.

Thank you for your support and happy planting!

Volunteers Needed

Nobody can do everything,
but everybody can do something.



We have several ways for you to get involved this school year. Here are some of our current needs:

- Room Parents & Room Helpers
- Chick-Fil-A Tuesdays Lunch Servers
- Pizza Thursdays Lunch Servers
- PTO Committee Leaders
 - Family Movie Nights
 - Holiday Market
 - Moms/Dads Night
 - 2nd Grade Day
 - Fun(d) Run & Trike-A-Thon
 - Communications (Social media, flyers, etc)
 - Teacher Appreciation Monthly Lunches

Please visit our website www.ecespto.com to sign up!

Email us if you have any questions: espto@easternchristian.org

We are stronger together! Thank you for your consideration!



FAMILY FUN DAYS

Save the dates!

Friday, September 15th - Back-to-School Family Picnic

Friday, November 17th - Free Family Movie Night

Saturday, December 9th - Christmas Market

Tues, February 13th - Family Fun Night (Snowtubing)

Friday, June 7th - Year End Picnic

We love to build our community. Come get to know other families and have a fun night out as a family. We hope you can join us!

For all Elementary & Pre-School Families



Mom's Night Out

MEET NEW FRIRNDS, HANG WITH OLD ONES, HAVE SO MUCH FUN!

Save the dates!

Thursday, October 5th, 2023

Friday, January 26th, 2024

Moms Night Out is a fun way to connect with other moms in our school community and build friendships!



DADS NIGHT OUT



Save the date!
Friday, November 3rd, 2023

Dad's Night Out is a great way for the dads at our school to connect, form new friendships, network, and have a fun night out in community .

ALL EC DADS WELCOME.
We hope to see you there!



Save the date!
Saturday, May 11th, 2024

Come enjoy a night of fellowship with other couples from the EC community!

Parents in Prayer

2023

October 10th, November 14th

2024

January 9th, February 6th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th

Immediately after Chapel

Meeting in the conference room

Please join us to pray over our children, our families, our school, our state, and our nation. Nobody is forced to pray, just come and be still. Prayers are welcome in any language and all prayers are confidential.

“For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them”

Matthew 18:20



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A ROOM PARENT (OR A HELPER)

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY, JUST A WILLING HEART

Dear Eastern Christian Parents,

We are looking for parent volunteers to fill the Room Parent positions (or a helper) of their child's class for the 23/24 school year.

Here are some of the benefits of becoming a Room Parent:

- Be a valuable resource to your child's teacher and other parents in the class.
- Make a positive impact on your children's class by organizing fun activities and events.
- Meet other parents and forge new friendships.
- Gain knowledge of what is happening in your child's class and chaperone selected field trips.
- Work closely with your child's teacher to create wonderful school memories for your child and their friends. It is truly a rewarding experience.

Attend PTO meetings (if available) on Tuesday October 3rd, January 9th, and April 9th.

All parents and guardians are encouraged to volunteer. It is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to your child's classroom.

Please visit the link below (also found on our website) to fill out the form if you are interested in volunteering in your child's class. Selected Room Parents will be emailed by 9/15.

Room Parent Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScctt5sX9vHm5_wOF2vcl_AwL6nB__5Nj45xQ9Aw3IgWkFAZg/viewform?usp=pp_url

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**Room Helper positions are also available that are less of a time commitment. Room helpers assist the Room Parents and fill in when needed.

Thank you for your consideration!

Questions? e-mail us espto@easternchristian.org

THANK YOU!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The PTO is looking for your help with increasing our Box Top participation!

Since the physical box tops have been phased out, it's so easy to forget to scan receipts to earn money for our school.

Twice a year, our school receives a check to help pay for whatever we need - equipment, supplies or experiences the kids love!

To save free cash from being thrown out with the trash, **please send in your receipts with your students in their backpack, and a volunteer will happily scan them for school credit!**

There will be a zipper pouch outside of each classroom for your child to place receipts in, and a volunteer will collect them at the end of the week and scan them in, so you don't have to!

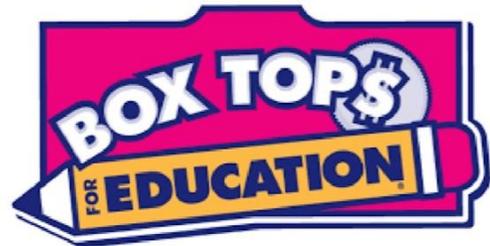
If you haven't downloaded the Box Top app yet, scan the QR code, and use code **y9o9210e** for an extra \$5 bonus for the school when you scan your first receipt!

If you receive your grocery receipts digitally, you can forward the receipt to espto@easternchristian.org for credit as well!

Thank you for your help with this! For any questions, please email our PTO: espto@easternchristian.org



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the box tops app
and use code
y9o9210e for a bonus**



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