

MINUTES : ECMS PTO MEETING

7 January 2022



Welcome

1. Mr Lazor opened up the meeting with prayer and welcomed everyone. He thanked parents and the PTO for all their involvement at the school and for showing love to our teachers and staff.

Past Events

1. **Mom's Night out** - we were able to deliver 25 duffel bags to the family services that went to teens aging out of the system. This was a fun evening getting to know new moms and also doing good in our community.
2. **Dad's night out** - this event was attended by dads from both the ES and MS campus. The feedback was that the dads enjoy getting an opportunity to get to know other dads.
3. For the ending of our big **Get Movin Fundraiser** the kids enjoy the Ninja Obstacle Course and a treat at the end.
4. **The Nerf Battle Night** - this man & child event turned out to be a huge success. This was very well attended and we will definitely do it again next year.

Upcoming events

1. **Snow Tubing Family Night Out - 15 February 6-8pm.** Tickets are on sale now. This event is open to EC families for all 3 campuses. Bring a friend and come and enjoy a fun winter activity. Please note that there is a 42" height restriction that is enforced by Campgaw. When you purchase your tickets, please complete the waiver form at the same time. [Purchase Snow Tubing Tickets](#)
2. **Mom's Night Out - 25 February at 7pm.** Axe Throwing at Stumpy's. Come and enjoy a fun active night out of axe throwing. This event is a joint event with our Midland Park campus. Tickets are now available. RSVP here [Register here](#)

3. **Student Winter Carnival - 18 March.** This evening is filled with games, fun and food. This event is only open for students of the Wyckoff campus. More information will be forthcoming soon. There will be an opportunity for parents to volunteer as well as any high school student that needs service hours.
4. **Staff Appreciation week - 2-6 May** - we will again be treating our staff to a wonderful experience this week and will reach out to everyone closer to the time.
5. **Parents Night Out - Saturday 14 May.** This will be a joint event open to Midland Park and Wyckoff campus parents, and will be held at the Drowned Lands in Warwick. Save the date now.
6. **Touch-a-Truck - 21 May** - Ernie Pastor gave an update on this event. The planning has been done and has moved forward to getting things done. This event requires a lot of preparation beforehand and a huge amount of volunteers on the day off. If you would like to be a part of this, please contact Ernie ep740533@gmail.com. They are currently looking for volunteers to help with contacting vendors etc.

School events

1. **EC Gala - 21 April** - Christin Reinmuth (christinreinmuth@easternchristian.org). The annual EC gala is a major fundraising event and it requires help from everyone. Christin will shortly share a document as to what they are looking for in terms of items for the gala as they are making some changes. If you haven't attended this event before, we highly encourage you to buy tickets when they go on sale.
An auction kick off meeting will be held on Thursday 13 January, 7-8.30pm at the Faith Community Church at The Barn (the building behind the church at school). If you have a desire to serve our EC community in a meaningful way, then please join them. They have a wonderful group of experienced auction volunteers who create and assemble gift baskets, as well as reach out to local shops to gather donations. They would love to have the team grow so that this year's gala is a smashing success.
2. **International day** - a date is yet TBD and will most likely take place later in the year.

3. **Student Art & Music Showcase - 26 May** - this event is held in the evening at school and a great opportunity to showcase the art and music talents of our students. Mrs. Pratt needs a lot of hands to help set up for the event and there will be a volunteer sign-up.

Financial/Fundraising Update

1. **Get movin' & Get Servin' - Outdoor classroom**

Thank you for participating in this fundraiser. We raised \$20k! The goal was to get tables for the outdoor classroom. We have received our first 3 tables and they are currently being used already. We have ordered an additional 3 tables that will complete Phase 2.

Phase 3 (Roof). We will continue to raise funds this year and next year to complete Phase 3. We received interim drawings from the architect which will be used to get pricing for completion of this phase. We are hoping to have the roof built this summer.

2. **Staff Christmas Fund donations** - Thank you for your generous donations. The staff were very thankful for their gifts.
3. **Christmas Ornament** - This was the first year we did 'spiritual themed' Christmas ornaments. It was a big success and we will continue with this new tradition.

4. **Frozen Pizza & Cookies sale**

A couple of years ago we did the frozen pizza sale. The feedback we received was very positive and most importantly that it was delicious.

We will be hosting a frozen pizza and David's cookies sale. This sale is purely as a service to our families and not intended to gather 'sales' from people, unless you know someone who would be interested. Order forms will be given to families at the end of February and pick up is scheduled for 6 April at the MS in time for spring break.

Volunteer Opportunities

1. Opportunities are listed on SIGNUP. [Click here to see all current opportunities](#)
2. All Chick-Fil-A slots for the year have been filled. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers.
3. **Thursday Pizza Volunteers - WE NEED YOU!** Pizza is served every Thursday 11am-12pm. [Click here to sign up as a pizza volunteer](#). Once you've done it once, you will want to do it again because it is that simple. Don't be scared, we will not let you do it alone, someone will help you.
4. **Recess duty** [Click here to see open time slots](#) - The teachers truly appreciate a break and by volunteering at recess helps them tremendously. It requires the least amount of effort and it's a great way to see how your kids interact with others. Even if you haven't signed up and are suddenly available that morning or afternoon, please still come to school. **Morning: 7.45-8.10am, MS: 11:50am-12:15pm, UE 12:15pm-12:50pm**
5. **Monthly staff appreciation** - thank you for filling up the slots. We still need someone for the month of April.

Communications

There are so many ways to stay connected and to know what is going on.

1. Website www.ecmspto.com, Facebook (ECMS PTO), Instagram (ecms_pto), E-mail mspto@easternchristian.org, and the office newsletter.
2. **The Inside Scoop (the PTO monthly newsletter)** is e-mailed on the 1st Wednesday of each month as well as added to our website. Please check your mailbox to ensure that you do get it. If not, check your spam folder.

The PTO thanked everyone who attended and the meeting was adjourned. Enjoy your snow day!

Attached Below:

- How to stay connected, Updated Events Calendar, Mom's Night Out flyer & Snow Tubing flyer

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UE/MS PTO CALENDAR

2021/2022

SEPTEMBER

- 10 - Family Picnic & Ice-Cream
- 15 - Picture Day **
- 23 - Back to School Night **
- 17 - PTO Meeting
- 30 - Mom's Night Out

FEBRUARY

- 15 - Family Snow tubing 6-8pm
(open to ES, friends & family)
- 25 - Mom's Night Out (ES & MS)
- 28 - Frozen Pizza & Cookie Dough Sale

OCTOBER

- 18 - Get Movin' Fundraiser
- 20 - 7th Gr. Spruce Lake ** (20-22)
- 29 - Hands Dirty Day
- 29 - Dad's Night Out

MARCH

- 11 - Frozen food orders due
- 18 - Student Winter Carnival

NOVEMBER

- 4-5 - Teachers Conferences
- 12 - Father & Child Night Out

Happy Thanksgiving

APRIL

- 6 - Frozen food order pick-up
- 11-15 - Spring Break
- 21 - EC Gala **

Blessed Easter

DECEMBER

- 17 - Christmas Teachers Gift Distribution

Merry Christmas

MAY

- 2-6 - Staff Appreciation Week
- 14 - Parents Night Out (ES & MS)
- 21 - Touch-A-Truck
- 26 - Student Art & Music Show **

JANUARY

- 7 - PTO Meeting (Virtual)

JUNE

- 3 - Volunteer appreciation & Family Year-End Celebration
- 16 - Graduation (8th Grade) **

Hello Summer



**** Non-PTO Event**
 All events subject to change

Mom's Night Out

**CALLING ALL WYCKOFF & MIDLAND PARK
CAMPUS MOMS**



Come and celebrate the new year!
Join us for a fun night of axe throwing and friendship.
Refreshments will be served.

Stumpy's Hatchet House

Friday 25 February 2022, 7-9pm *NEW DATE*

\$40 per person

Deadline to RSVP: 18 February

Complete the form and scan to pay via PayPal

<https://forms.gle/kUx6G1LBTWteDC289>



15 FEBRUARY 2022 (6-8PM)
CAMPGAW MOUNTAIN

SNOW TUBING



\$21
per participant



Min.
Height 42"

**Limited Tickets
Available**



Complete registration form:

<https://forms.gle/Mg3115wo83Gc4VtM9>



Sign Online Waiver

<https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/e/PRu8unv9e6ZVjiUN52atdH/>

Make payment (PayPal / Checks MSPTO)



**Friends & Family are
invited too!**

