
I AM NEW TO ECS

Getting started with the new school year



Where you will find most information you will need:

<http://goecs.org/parents/>

Handbook, Internet agreement, Parent Service, Renweb Portal, School Supplies, Absence requests, course selection sheets, field trip permission slips, science fair manual, extended care application, college visit form, field trip permission, senior trip forms, lunch menus, calendar and text books.

School Calendar: <http://goecs.org/parents/#>

We are the Sentinels. Sentinel Pride shirt days are listed on the calendar located at www.goecs.org

Find out how to get notifications by text message or email on the calendar link on the front page of the website.

Orientation information:

Upper School (7 - 12th): August 3rd starts promptly at 6pm in the gym.

Lower School (K4 - 6th): August 4th starts promptly at 6pm in the gym.

Freshman Welcome: August 7th 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

RENWEB Access and LOGIN:

<https://ecs-fl.client.renweb.com/pw/>

**Calendars:**

Located on the front page of the www.GOECS.org website, the upcoming items are listed. Click on the link view the calendar to get the detailed list. Month by Month show the entire year of events. If you would like notifications to your phone or email a day in advance. (handy for dress down days) enroll in the notifications located at the top right of the calendar showing a phone with envelope. Click that and it will ask for the phone number or the email address to start receiving messages a day in advance.

REMEMBER: only you can disconnect this service.

The Sentinel spirit logos and shield were changed in 2016.

Uniforms:

located in the Sentinel Store, uniforms can be purchased during the school year on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 8am-4pm. Summer store hours are posted at the store and may be found by calling 239-936-3319.

“GETTING STARTED AT ECS CAN BE DAUNTING, BUT WITH THE RIGHT FAMILIES AROUND YOU, THEY WILL GUIDE YOU TO DO WHAT YOU NEED TO DO AND WHEN IT NEEDS TO BE DONE.” - CINDY ORTIZ

(Located in the south end of the gym the Sentinel Store is also the uniform store for all ECS students K4 through 12th grade. Students may only wear ECS approved uniform choices.)

Lunches:

“What’s for lunch today?” We hear that often. Yes, its listed online on the parent section of the website. There are different options for different days and are paid for in cash or charged to the students account by using your fingerprint scan. ***You must stop by the business office before school starts to have your index finger scanned before you are able to use this feature at the lunchroom checkout counter.***

Books:

K4, K5, and 1st grade books are ordered by the principal and delivered to the classroom before school starts. Your account will be charged in July.

Traditional books: 2nd - 12th grade are ordered online at

<http://goecs.org/printed-book-order-forms/>

Ebooks: 4th grade through 12th grade eBooks delivered electronically

(not all books are ebooks. You will still order workbooks and other consumable workbooks)

Does the eBook require an iPad? Nope, android devices will work. After you order your eBooks, you will receive an email with the textbook codes and the link for the downloads. If you still need assistance loading the books, bring your device to the main office.

<https://gosentinel.org>

ATTENDANCE:

My student will not be at school today: email attendance@goecs.org to let them know your child will be out.

Excused absent forms are located online: If you know you will be out. Get it approved before you leave.

Lower school forms: <http://goecs.org/wp-content/uploads/Lower-School-Absence-Request.pdf>

I love that ECS allows for students to have eBooks. That way I have access to the books on the device and at home.

Smith family

Upper school forms: <http://goecs.org/wp-content/uploads/Absence-Request-7-121.pdf>

Social media: GET CONNECTED!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/evangelicalchristianschool/>

Athletic: <https://www.facebook.com/Evangelical-Christian-School-Athletics-1035951703142257/>

FINE ARTS: <https://www.facebook.com/ECSFA/>

“The parking lot is crazy the first couple of days but calms down after about the 3rd day.

Once everyone gets the pick up and drop off pattern down it moves quickly.”

Massey Family

Parking:

The main school entrance allows for parking in the center of the buildings around the playground. *The school also has parking located at the back of the campus.*

Parent/Student Handbook:

Located on the www.goecs.org website, the student handbook will become your place to make sure you and your student have the most recent information about ECS.

School Events:

The best place to see this would be on the calendar on the website. If there is a change in date/time they would be reflected there.

Parent Service Hours:

ECS has adopted a program requiring a parent to volunteer 10 hours per child, 20 hours maximum per family, throughout the school year. (May 1st - April 30th) All volunteer hours must be completed no later than April 30th (Any volunteer hours completed after April 30th will be credited for the next school year). All volunteer assignments must be pre-scheduled with a teacher/staff member/coach prior to arriving. Parents may request a specific task or allow the office staff to identify a location in the school where service is needed.

Parents are required to check in at the front office immediately upon arriving for volunteer service. Remember to present a valid identification (drivers license or state issued ID). Name badges will be given out at the office. These should be worn throughout the school day. Parents should request the volunteer form and take it with them. When finished helping, they should fill it out and have the

supervising teacher or staff member initial it. The volunteer should separate the form, keeping one copy for his own record and returning the other to the front desk before leaving. The safety and education of students must be the main concern of volunteers at all times. Volunteers may not dispense medication or render first aid. Even minor injuries should be brought to attention of classroom teacher. During fire alarms or other unusual events, volunteers should be careful to follow the teacher's directions and give special attention to students. Classroom supervision, instruction and student discipline are always the responsibility of the classroom teacher.

A volunteer may not give permission for a student to leave the room. A volunteer may not grade quizzes and tests. A volunteer may not have access to the teacher's grade book or computer. Punctuality and reliability are expected since teachers plan for volunteer assistance. Volunteers should be in good physical and mental health. They are expected to be well-groomed and dressed appropriately. Volunteers should set a good example for students by their manner, appearance, and behavior. Volunteers will never discuss student's performance or behavior with parents. Volunteers must never discuss or compare teachers with other volunteers, students or parents. Volunteers will be assigned only to staff members requesting assistance. Volunteers will be allowed in the classrooms during instructional time ONLY when so scheduled by the teacher. Volunteers are invited to assist in their own child's classroom ONLY with permission from the classroom teacher. The teacher may deny this request if she feels the volunteer's presence may impede the child from doing his best. There are many areas of need throughout the school that will not be disruptive to the child's attention in class.

*Note: Parent service hours are deemed appropriate when they are used for school wide benefit. Individual class fundraising will not be counted toward the required service hours.

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|  Evangelical Christian School Parent Service Hours | |
| Name: _____ | Service Opportunity: _____ |
| ECS Student: _____ | _____ |
| Homeroom Teacher: _____ | _____ |
| Date: _____ | _____ |
| # of Hours: _____ | Verified by ECS Staff: _____ |
| Note: 10 hours per child per year | |
| Please Return White Copy to Front Desk | |

**FORMS LOCATED AT THE
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

Student Service Hours:

Bible teachers will give the information at orientation regarding the student's required hours and the mode of documenting and turning them in for the grade in bible class. Quarterly the student must do the hours and turn in the form. The student may do their service hours in the summer.

Mom's in Prayer:

Monday mornings at ECS, moms meet to pray for our school, students and faculty. Be a part of this group. Email TDragich@goecs.org to have your name added to the list or show up on a Monday by 8am and ask for the Moms in Prayer group. You will be directed to the room where they meet to pray.

CLUBS:

Chess: Chess club information is distributed within the first couple of weeks of school for 5th graders through 9th graders. For more information contact the principal.

Lower School Development leagues: Varsity Coaches have a 6 week development league that is season specific. Watch for the announcements in your 2nd - 5th graders take home folders or you can ask Coach Burch and Coach Rensch when you see them in car line.

Little Cheer Sentinel Stars: Starts in the beginning of school for grades x through x. Adorable mini-cheer outfits that are trained by our Sentinel Varsity cheerleaders. They will perform at Varsity Football games.

Extended Care Program:

Drop off as early as 6:30am and pick up as late at 6:00pm for an additional cost that is in your financial agreement.

<http://goecs.org/wp-content/uploads/Extended-Care-application-2016-2017.pdf>

Summer Camp (K4-7th grade):

Summer camp is available for ECS students K5-7th grade.

<http://goecs.org/preschool/summer-camp/>

Drop off and pick up: times and places:

K4 and K5 are to be dropped off at the double doors in the Administration building.

1st - 6th grade can be dropped off under the portico entrance of the lower school.

Upper school 7-12th grades typically get dropped off/picked up by the gym or under the red sign by the gym doors.

Student drivers park in the back parking lots behind the school. The East lot is for the SENIOR parking and the West lot is for the student drivers. Students can park in any space not labeled staff.

**SPORTS:**

Athletic FHSAA Information: This changes every school year. Must have updated forms to participate.

<http://goecs.org/athletics/required-athletic-paperwork/>

If you are interested in downloading the Sentinels Athletics App for phones/tablets please follow the instructions below:

For Apple Users (Iphone/Ipad)

1. Please open this email in your phone/tablet email app or web browser.
2. Click the following link: [Download ECS Athletic Phone/Tablet App](#)

3. Click on the button that says "If AppSheet is not installed, Install from App Store". This will take you to iTunes to download the app named "AppSheet".
4. Once AppSheet is installed, reopen this email and click on the link above again.
5. After clicking the link, click on the button that says "If AppSheet is installed, Install Sentinels Athletics."
6. To create a shortcut on your menu, click the square on the top of the screen that has the Arrow pointing up.
7. After clicking the square with the arrow, click on "Add to Homescreen"
8. Press "Add"
9. If you choose, you can hide the app named "AppSheet" in a folder or remove it from your homescreen. Do NOT uninstall the AppSheet app as it is needed to run our Athletic App.

For Android Users

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HOW DO I REACH MY CHILD'S TEACHER?

All faculty is listed on the website at: Faculty Directory: <http://goecs.org/faculty-staff/>
quick tip: typically the email is the first initial and last name of the teacher @goecs.org. You can always email the teacher directly to set up an appointment or have a conversation. It's that easy.

As always the staff at ECS is able to answer your questions and help you as you transition to our school.

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