

August 7, 2020

Dear Lower School Parents,

We are on the final countdown before school starts next week. Today's email contains many of the items that are typically explained in the annual Back-to-School Meetings, so please read it in its entirety.

Lower School Class Rosters

Your child's class roster has been posted at the link [here](#).

Lunch

Pedestal Foods will provide one hot and one cold lunch option every day for those who wish to purchase their lunch, and lunch will be eaten in classrooms, with some eating outside on certain days, weather permitting. **This year, if you would like to purchase lunch for your child from Pedestal Foods, all must be pre-ordered by Sunday at midnight for that week.** *Exception: If you would like to order lunch next Thursday or Friday, please place lunch orders by midnight Tuesday.* Please see below for instructions on how to order lunch and how to set up a student lunch account.

Communications

Once school starts, the main form of communication from ECS will be in a weekly **Eagle View** emailed newsletter, sent every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. This will contain a message from the Head of School, list of upcoming events and a **Weekly Reminder** for each campus with important upcoming dates. We will also send **emails** on an as needed basis and will send important messages such as snow days and other reminders through our **text notification system**. This year, we will NOT use the Remind app for these notifications. The **Buzz Book app** is the directory of ECS families. Once we update it with all of our new families, we will send you information on how to access it this year. For news on ECS life, we ask that you like and follow ECS on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

ECS website

The ECS website is a great source for all information for our school. We are about to launch a newly redesigned website at the same address as the current one: www.ecseagles.com. More information on that soon.

Back-to-School Forms/Uniforms

All Back-to-School Forms are available on the [Lower School campus website page](#). They will also be available to complete and turn in at Orientation on August 12. You will also find Appearance Standards and information on how to order school uniforms on this page as well.

Logo Wear Days Next Week

Students can wear ECS logo wear next **Thursday, August 13** and **Friday, August 14**. ECS logo wear can be purchased at the Soaring Eagle Shop, the only authorized seller of ECS logo wear. Some logo items will be available for purchase at Orientation next week. Please read our [Logo/Non-Uniform Day Guidelines](#). Check the Soaring Eagle Shop Facebook page for open hours next week.

Eagles Nest After Care Registration

After Care will be offered until 6:00 p.m. for families who need this option, and students will remain in their classrooms. Parents who wish to enroll their child in After Care must register him or her in advance [here](#). Please note that this year, we will be unable to offer an occasional use or drop-in option.

We will send information about morning carpool and other information on Monday. Meanwhile, if you have any

questions, please contact Amelia Howard, Lower School Administrative Assistant at 901-754-4420.

I consider it a great privilege and opportunity to serve this school and our families. It is a great day to be an ECS Eagle!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tyson Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tyson" and last name "Lee" clearly distinguishable.

Tyson Lee
Lower School Principal

To set up and load money onto your child's lunch account:

- Visit myschoolbucks.com.
- Create an account using a parent's contact information and email address.
- Select "Tennessee" then "Evangelical Christian School."
- Set up your email along with your password and security questions.
- Click "Add a Student" and choose "Evangelical Christian School" in the dropdown.
- Type in your child's name (as it appears in PowerSchool), his/her birthdate *OR* ECS Google password (without the "ecs" at the end), which is the PowerSchool Student ID. (Do not use both birthday and Student ID, .)
- If you want to fund the account online, you can set up your payment option. There is a small fee to fund electronically. It is most cost effective to sign up for one-pay membership for e-checks.
- Repeat this process for additional children enrolled at ECS.

Things to know about your lunch account:

- You must set up an account regardless if you pay electronically, or by check or cash.
- If you fund your student's lunch electronically, please do so before the first day of school. The maximum amount added at one time is \$120. There is a charge of \$2.49 every time your student's lunch account is funded. To avoid being charged every time money is added to your child's account, you can become a member of myschoolbucks.com for \$12.95 per student per year or \$26.95 per family per year. (To become a member, either respond to the prompt when establishing your account, or later you can click on your name at the top right, then "My User Profile," then "Update Membership.")
- You may fund your child's account through cash or check deposits by giving the money directly to a Pedestal cashier in the cafeteria. *Make checks payable to Pedestal Foods, and send with your child on the first day of school.*

- Any leftover balance from last year's lunch account has been transferred to myschoolbucks.com.
- Please note that if you already have a "myschoolbucks" at another school, you do not have to set up another account. Just log in and click the blue circle beside your name in the upper right. Choose my user profile and go to "school districts" and add "Evangelical Christian School."

To order your child's lunch:

- Go to ecs-pedestalfoods.school lunchchoice.com.
- Click on "Create account" button.
- Input parent contact information.
- Add student name as listed in PowerSchool and fill out other student information. Insert homeroom teacher's name in the "Teacher Last Name" field.
- Click on "Order." Scroll to the date you wish to place your order.
- Click on your child's lunch choice for each day. (Note that bottled water is free, but other beverages have a cost.)

Please note that as you order your child's lunch, money will be automatically deducted from your myschoolbucks account. Also, if you have recently contracted your student for the school year, there may be a delay in being able to establish your child's myschoolbucks account, but you should be able to establish an account by the deadline on Tuesday.