



# ECS OFFICE NEWS

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**Emergency Notifications:** In the event of inclement weather, ECS follows the Effingham County schools with regards to closings and delayed openings.

## On Our Shoulders

By ECS Headmaster, Ted Trainor

A few years ago, I attended a Father-Children campout with three of my children. My youngest was perhaps the smallest child at the whole campout so, at one point, I decided to put him on my shoulders. Immediately struck by the new view and full of discovery and delight, my son exclaimed to his brother, "Look, I'm taller than you!" He then began to describe to me all that he could now see with this new view.

I've pondered that moment for many years. Think about it. Our children are going to view the **world** from our shoulders. Through parents, children get their first views on religion, work, politics, economics, and neighborliness. In addition to these core values, children get their loyalties and their lusts from their parents. For instance, my children know that they should always cheer for the Dallas Cowboys and anyone playing against the Pittsburgh Steelers. Make no mistake; these

views from our shoulders shape our children powerfully. This influence often trickles down from generation to generation.

Go a step further with me....for 35 to 40 hours a week, my children are sitting atop the shoulders of **others**. The teachers, coaches, music tutors, and scout leaders are influencing my children too. Their views on work, faith, devotion, and virtue influence my children. Clearly, I am not the only one influencing my children and neither are you with your children. Even one who home schools his children will confront views from publishers and virtual instructors and their peers at church or on the soccer team.

This is the lens I take with me into educating my children (and yours!). Simply, as a Christian dad, I must be vigilant about the shoulders on which my children sit. Will the shoulders of those who are in my place during the day be giving my children a view where God and neighbor are honored? Will my children see the world as

God's created place, run by His providence, ordered by His natural laws, and used for His glory? Will they be encouraged to do their work as if the Lord was watching? Will they be expected to honor the authorities whom God has placed over them? Will my sons be expected to honor their female classmates as Christ has honored the church? Will my daughter and her friends be exhorted to cultivate inward beauty over and above their outward appearance? Will the school be a place where the shoulders of Christian dads and moms will be extended and supported or undermined or undervalued?

So, I've given you a lot to ponder. I hope it's been a challenge and a reminder. God has given us these children. Are we strengthening our shoulders and expecting the school and its teachers to do so as well? These are the challenges I take with me everyday into Effingham Christian School. I pray you will consider well the view you are giving your children atop your shoulders.

## 7th Grade Parents of Pre-Algebra Students

Now, you can order the solutions manual through our office for \$60 each. Orders will be taken until close of the day on Friday, Sept. 2. Please see Julie Moran in the front office for more details. All checks should be made payable to: **ECS**.



## Boy Scouts

We recently enjoyed having two troops represented at our school on Friday, August, 26.

If you are interested, the first meeting for 1st-5th grade boys is Tuesday, Sept. 6 @ 6:30 pm at Grace Community Church.

Any questions, contact Robert Bendetti @ 912-663-2993



# Announcements

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August 31: Medical Release forms, shot records, & all new student info packets due  
 August 31: YMCA soccer forms due with payment– **no late orders will be accepted**  
 September 5: Labor Day-no school  
 September 7: 1st Quarter progress reports go home via Info Direct  
 September 9: ECS Skate Night-see below for details  
 September 13: Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thank you for allotting time to meet with the teachers. It was a great time of fellowship and a time to get to know you and your children even better.



**Cross Country Practice**  
 Practice every Tuesday & Thursday, 4pm-6pm.

Any questions, call Rick Moran @ 429-9279.



**Snow Cones \$1.50 each**  
 On sale this Friday after lunch.

All proceeds go to benefit the Booster Club and the athletics of ECS. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy.



**Skate Night**  
 September 9, 6pm-9pm

Come celebrate completing the first month of school. It has been a lot of hard work, a lot of adjusting, and a lot of fun. Come fellowship and meet some new families. Admission and skates are free; bring money for the concession stand which will benefit the Booster Club.



**Happy Birthday To You!**

8/1	Knox Trainor	3rd
8/9	Mackenzie Shearon	5th
8/10	Rebecca Stanton	7th
8/13	Brian Miles	3rd
8/16	Shalise Henry	4th
8/24	Katelyn Hart	12th
8/25	Trey Gordy	1st
8/29	Jackson St. Clair	PreK
8/31	Luke Hagan	2nd
9/2	Sarah Arnold	7th



## Labels for Education & Box Tops for Education

Please begin/continue to collect!  
 Contests will begin soon!

Thank you for your participation.

**If you are willing to serve as coordinator of Labels for Education, please contact Julie in the office @ jmorran@effinghamchristian.org.**