

July 26, 2024

## **Hello Eagle Family and Welcome back to the 2024-2025 School Year!**

It is my sincere hope that all of you had a great summer, are well rested, and ready for another exciting school year! The first official Eagle Family Message will be on Sunday, August 4th at 4:00 pm - this will be the weekly message sent out through voicemail, email, and text each week to all ECHS students and families during the upcoming school year. It is very important that you review the information shared each week to plan appropriately...

Please save the date for Virtual and In-Person Open House opportunities on Tuesday, August 7th and Wednesday, August 8th. We strongly recommend that all families attend one of these sessions for important updates for the new school year - feel free to attend both if you'd like. Links and more details will be included in the 8/4/24 Sunday Family Message.

We have some great new faculty positions from various funding sources that we are very excited about that will provide college bound services and support to our students, including a new Lead Counselor! We will talk more about this during our Virtual and In-Person Open House opportunities on August 6th and 7th.

To alleviate some of the back to school anxiety that is very natural at this time of the year - please review the following:

- DPS has **free breakfast and lunch** for all students this school year!
- **Laptop Dissemination:**
  - We will disseminate laptops to 11th graders during the In Person August 7th Open House to prepare for the first day of virtual instruction on 8/8
  - Any ECHS student in grades 9 - 12 that did not turn in their laptop in May/June last year - please bring it into the building and trade it out for an updated laptop during the In Person Open House on Wednesday, August 7th
  - Laptops will be disseminated to all other 9th, 10th, and 12th graders during the school day when we return August 8th - 16th.
- We sincerely appreciate your anticipated **monetary and office supply donations** to help us better utilize our limited small school funding for more student centered initiatives. We will communicate more information during Open House with a list of suggested donations.

- **All High School Classes begin on Thursday, August 8th** (*Chemistry and Personal Finance Classes will be virtual from 8/8 - 8/16*)
  - All NCCU Classes and 11th Grade Personal Finance and Chemistry classes will meet in person beginning on Monday, August 19th
- **DPS Specialty School Calendar 24-25:**
  - Specialty (NCCU) 24-25. Approved 2\_22\_24.pdf
- **New Student/Family Correspondence - Rising 9th/Class of 2028 - English I Summer Reading Assignment:**
  - W ECHS March 2024 Step 2 Magnet Process Letter.docx
- **NCCU Academic Calendar 24-25:**
  - W Academic Calendar Fall 2024 - Summer 2025 (Effective Nov 8, 2023 ).docx
- **Suggested School Supplies 24-25:**
  - E School Supply List - ECHS - 24-25 School Year
- **Driver's Ed Registration:** (registration opens 7/27 for the August class):
  - E ECHS Driver's Education 2024-2025

Updated information that will be provided on the 8/4 Sunday message or during Open House Presentations:

- Draft ECHS Student/Family Calendar for 2024-2025
- Date of availability to review Fall semester high school courses/schedules in Parent Portal/Power School
- Zoom link for Virtual Open House on Tuesday, August 6th at 6:00 pm (Spanish interpretation provided)
- In-Person Open House Schedule for Wednesday, August 7th
  - Opportunity to meet with all ECHS staff including support staff such as Exceptional Children's services, AIG supports, 504 Plans, Social Worker, Lead Counselor, Sophomore Seminar Teachers, DPS Data Manager - Parent Portal Support, Staff member from DPS Transportation to answer bus services questions
- Specific next steps to request school bus transportation if you were not able to meet the June 17 DPS deadline
- How to sign up/pay for student lockers
- NCCU Fall semester Text-book pick-up procedure
- 9th Grader High School and College Schedules - no need for students/families to do anything - *courses are set*
- High School & NCCU Schedule Adjustment Requests/Procedure/Criteria for consideration

- Specific next steps to set up / update Parent Portal
- Designated spaces in ECHS building for upper classmen to work/study/print assignments
- Links from Prestige Company to schedule Senior Portraits on September 27th
- ECHS driving students seeking NCCU Parking Passes
- New REMIND Codes for grades 9 - 12 (cell phone app to receive messages from teachers/staff members without sharing personal cell phone information)

*ECHS will use our data from previous school years, feedback from School Improvement Team/Faculty/PTSA/MTSS Leadership Team meetings, and continue our journey in 2024-2025 to provide an excellent education and school experience for our fabulous students while cultivating ECHS as a great place to serve as a professional educator. **Thank you students and parents for your partnership in maintaining these outstanding results over the past 20 years!***

- ECHS Draft Performance Data 2023-2024:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nWePrEdolD8Bz4Myo4JL5-hv46PIhgCBFOMITjXxgiw/edit?usp=sharing>
- ECHS Teacher Working Conditions Data / DPS school results 2023-2024:  
[https://adincsurvey.azurewebsites.net/#/nctwcs/2024\\_NCTWCS](https://adincsurvey.azurewebsites.net/#/nctwcs/2024_NCTWCS)

***Please contact me directly if you would like to formally serve on our School Improvement Team (SIT) or would like to be connected to our PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) Officers to serve this great organization. All ECHS students and family members are invited to PTSA and SIT meetings each month with zoom links/dates/times included on our family calendar.***

This is a very busy time of year - thank you for your patience and flexibility in receiving/responding to needed information. *If possible, please delay reaching out to staff members until Open House unless your problem/assistance needed is extremely time sensitive.*

Please contact me or our Asst. Principal, Ms. Scott, and NCCU Liaison, Ms. Wilder, if needed for time sensitive issues at:

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**Thank you for reading this correspondence - we will see you soon!**