



ECS Update

January 2021

Special Calendar Notes

Office Closures during Christmas Break

Engleside offices will be closed Wednesday-Friday (December 23-25) for Christmas break and the following Thursday-Friday (December 31-January 1) for New Year's break. The office will reopen and classes will resume on Monday, January 4. If you need to contact ECS outside office hours, please email kpaddock@englesidechristianschool.org.

Semester Break

ECS is closed on Monday, January 18 in observance of MLK Day and holds a teacher workday (no extended care or classes) on Tuesday, January 19. Third quarter classes will begin on Wednesday, January 20.

Reminders



Uniform Policy

ECS dress policy allows students to dress appropriately for the cold weather outside. Please note, however, that rain boots, snow boots and outer jackets are not allowed in the classroom setting. If your child finds the classroom setting too cool, ECS does permit students to wear a navy or white cardigan in the classroom.

Re-enrollment and Summer Care Information

ECS will release financial and reenrollment information for the 2021-22 school year in late January. As in the past, ECS will offer reduced re-enrollment fees in early February. Please spread the word about ECS to your friends and invite them to inquire about next school year in early February.

ECS is willing offer day care to the ECS student body family this coming summer if there is sufficient interest. Interest forms and additional details will be released in the new calendar year.



Inclement Weather Policy Reminder

ECS will follow all initial inclement weather closings and delays as announced by Fairfax County Public Schools. When FCPS announce a cancellation or delay due to inclement weather, ECS will adjust its schedule as follows:

Delayed Entry

Extended care opens for regular users at 8:30 AM. Other students dropped off before 10:00 AM will be escorted to AM care and billed at the daily drop-in rate.

Doors open for student entry at 10:00 AM with classes starting at 10:15.

School Cancellation

No extended care or classes will meet. School office will be closed.

Early Dismissal

ECS will serve its standard lunch to students and close at 1:10. PM extended care will be cancelled. While parents may pick up their children without penalty any time after the FCPS decision has been announced, students must be picked up by 1:30 PM: standard late pickup fees will apply after this time. ECS encourages parents to find emergency contacts near ECS who can pick up your children in case the weather or work schedules will not allow you to pick up your child before ECS closes.

ECS will confirm its inclement weather plan by activating its OneCallNow Inclement Weather notification system and notifying WTOP (103.5FM and wtop.com).

When the FCPS system is closed for an extended period of time after significant snow fall, ECS may reopen sooner than county schools if our parking lots have been cleared, area roads are deemed safe for travel, and other private schools are reopening. ECS students will not be penalized if they are unable to attend classes when FCPS is closed for inclement weather. If ECS departs from the FCPS system by returning to school early, ECS will notify parents via OneCallNow. ECS follows FCPS closings and delays only – we do not observe FCPS *calendar adjustments* relating to inclement weather.

