



ECS Update

January 2024

“Goodbye” and “Welcome”

With the coming in of the new year, we must say a sad goodbye to Mrs. Ashley Kisselman in her fulltime capacity with us. As we announced earlier to our K4 families, she has stepped down from her teaching position for family/medical reasons. We will certainly miss her- please pray for her and her family as they face some challenging circumstances right now.

God has graciously brought ECS a new teacher to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Kisselman, and we greatly rejoice in His timely provision! Mrs. Heather Bixby joins our teaching team bringing two daughters with her into our student body family. She and her family will appreciate your prayers as they adjust to their new setting at Engleside.

Calendar Notes

Reaching the Office during Christmas Break

The Engleside office closes after our noon dismissal on Wednesday, December 20, and reopen when classes resume on Wednesday, January 3. If you need to contact the school office during the Christmas break, please email us at administration@englesidechristianschool.org.

Semester Break

ECS is closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of MLK Day and holds a teacher workday (no extended care or classes) on Tuesday, January 16. Third quarter classes will begin on Wednesday, January 17.

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 sweater/fleece in the classroom.

Re-enrollment Information

ECS will release financial and reenrollment information for the 2024-25 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.

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, activating its TuitionEP 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 TuitionEP. ECS follows FCPS closings and delays only – we do not observe FCPS *calendar adjustments* relating to inclement weather.