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Dear Parents:

I pray that you are having a wonderful summer with your families. Exciting things are happening at Evangelical Christian School as we prepare for the 2009-2010 school year! Student and sports' schedules, book orders, painting, gym floor waxed, and classroom preparation are just a few of the things that are happening. We believe that God has great things in store for this coming school year and want to be prepared for His blessing. We look forward to seeing you at parent orientation in a few weeks. Many news items are already on the school website www.goecs.org and if you need help with anything else, please do not hesitate to ask.

The following information will help you to get off to a good start this upcoming year.

Announcements:

- I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Shuford has officially been named the Lower School Principal and her Assistant Principal will be Mrs. Newland. We anticipate a great year under their leadership.
- Parent Orientation for the Upper School (7th-12th) will be held on Friday, August 7th at 6:00 P.M. Parent Orientation for the Lower School (K4-6th) will be held on Saturday, August 8th at 10:00 A.M. We will go over some information that will help your child have a successful year and then give you a chance to meet your child's teachers. Students are welcome to attend and we invite you to bring your school supplies to leave in your child's classroom or locker. **We do ask at least one representative from each family attend this important orientation.** Students will receive their homeroom assignments and class schedules at the meeting. The initial meeting will commence in the gym.
- Lower School supply lists are available at the front desk or online at www.goecs.org. Upper School students will receive their supply lists from their individual teachers on the first day of school.
- If you have not given the Business Office a current email address, please do so as soon as possible. **Every family must have an active email account on file.**
- School starts for **ALL** students on Wednesday, August 12. Lower School (K4-6th) – 8:10; Upper School (7th-12th) – 8:20. For the safety of our students, the back 4th Street gate will close everyday at 9:00 A.M. After this time, everyone will need to use the front entrance.
- The Parent Student Handbook will be found online under the parent section of the school website. All parents must sign a paper agreeing to abide by the school policies. This agreement will be given out during parent orientation. The handbook will be used as a guideline for policy and procedures at ECS.

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- Support ECS by purchasing your gift cards through the school (see handout). These are the same gift cards that you can purchase at the store. Orders are placed every Friday morning by 10:00 A.M. and will be delivered on Wednesday afternoon. Some gift cards are in stock and can be received the same day. We also have our own ECS gift card that can be used at the school.
- Information regarding *Parents Web* will be given during parent orientation.
- Information regarding music/instrument lessons will be available at the orientation.
- New students going into grades 7-12 are welcome to attend an orientation (in cafeteria) held during the same time as the Parent Orientation on Friday, August 7th at 6:00 P.M. Students will be able to meet other students, teachers, and receive their class schedules.
- Calling all Freshmen! There will be a special welcome night for all incoming Freshmen on Thursday, August 6th from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Come enjoy a time of food, fun, and games.
- Information will be available during Parent Orientation about the many volunteer opportunities for our parents. Parents can sign-up to volunteer in the areas that are of interest.
- Any parent desiring to allow their child to charge a lunch must complete the necessary paperwork before the student card will be issued. The paperwork will be available at orientation. Lunches will be \$3.50 for K4-6th and \$3.75 for 7th-12th grades.
- K4-6th grade parents are invited to a special "Meet & Greet" fellowship time with other parents and administration on August 14 from 8:15-9:00 in the school cafeteria.
- All students in PE are required to have tennis shoes that are non-marking on the gym wood floor.
- Lower School spiritual emphasis will be September 29-October 2. Upper School spiritual emphasis will be held on September 14-16. Parents are welcome to attend all chapels. We would like to invite ALL parents to a special night on Tuesday, September 15 to hear Mark Cahill speak on evangelism. Attendance on Tuesday night will count 2 hours towards parent service hours.
- Meeting for all 8th grade parents on Tuesday, August 18 regarding the 8th grade Washington DC trip and Science Fair Projects. The meeting will start at 6:00 P.M. in the Lower School chapel.

We take seriously the trust that you have placed in us regarding the education of your children. We commit to you to do our best in educating your child in a superior way; not just academically, but spiritually, emotionally, morally, and intellectually. Please pray with us as we partner with you in this significant responsibility. We look forward to seeing you at Parent Orientation!

For Christian Education,

John M. Hunte, Ed.D. (Class of '84)
Headmaster