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ECHS Family Calendar:  ECHS Eagle Family Calendar 2024-2025

Link to all ECHS Eagle Family Messages & Counselor Newsletters 2024-2025:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XoV3hJO0oKlaKaLBuWSh-yvWaJbafZBExcS5uijGvkl/edit>

Latest Counselor Newsletter 11/22/24: <https://secure.smores.com/n/v8j1h-echs-weekly-update>

12/1/24

Good Evening Eagle Family - this is Principal Bruce with some Early College updates for the week.

We hope that everyone had a restful Thanksgiving Holiday with family and friends and are ready for the last 3 weeks of school leading up to the end of the 1st semester and Winter break.

Tomorrow is the last day of NCCU college classes prior to Reading Day tomorrow (no NCCU classes) and College Final Exams beginning on Wednesday. We ask that our students clarify the date of their college exams with professors and communicate this with our Freshman and Sophomore Seminar teachers to plan appropriately over the next few weeks. Please note that our students are expected to return all Fall Semester NCCU textbooks after your final exams to our school treasurer, Ms. Pettiford. Students that do not turn in their Fall textbooks may compromise their enrollment in Spring Semester classes and may be dropped if this obligation has not been met. Please reach out to our NCCU liaison Ms. Wilder if you have questions.

- Lauren Wilder, NCCU Liaison - [lwilder9@nccu.edu](mailto:lwilder9@nccu.edu)

- Deborah Alston Pettiford, ECHS Treasurer, [deborah\\_alston-petti@dpsnc.net](mailto:deborah_alston-petti@dpsnc.net)

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We have received updated information from Professor Colbert-Lewis that teaches many of our students in the NCCU History Department. Please check your NCCU emails and the text and email versions of this message regarding expectations for his final exams.

- ***We will not have class on Monday, December 2 - All of your exams will open at 12 AM this Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Your final exams can be found in the Quizzes section in the Canvas shell for your respective course. Look carefully BELOW for the due dates of your online final exam submissions:***

- ***HIST 1320 (9 AM class): December 10, 2024 at 1:30 PM***

- ***HIST 1320 (10 AM class): December 5, 2024 at 4:30 PM***

- ***HIST 2210 (12 PM class): December 9, 2024 at 1:30 PM***

- ***HIST 2220 (1 PM class): December 5, 2024 at 1:30 PM***

On Tuesday, December 3rd - we will host our Poetry Out Loud Competition during 1st Period in Lee Biology Building 3rd Floor Auditorium. Please contact Ms. Scherer if you have questions about the event.

- [jennifer\\_scherer@dpsnc.net](mailto:jennifer_scherer@dpsnc.net) (see before school 8:30 - 9:00 in Mr. Tyus' classroom or Room 110 between 11:00 - 12:30 each day)
- ECHS Poetry Out Loud Competition:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xhWCEfQ9bxJn\\_9BMvzPzh8bVXC2NQnAd27U6lIovcBc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xhWCEfQ9bxJn_9BMvzPzh8bVXC2NQnAd27U6lIovcBc/edit?usp=sharing)

Seniors Please note that the Federal College Financial Aid/FAFSA application is now live. Our School Counselor and College Advisor will be available to assist our students, including a luncheon on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> in room 110 from 9am to 3pm. Also on Tuesday, there will be a mandatory senior meeting in room 318 in the Lee Science Building at 11am. It is very important that all seniors attend in order to get important information about upcoming events, support sessions, and deadlines included from now until the rest of the school year leading up to graduation.

Juniors and Seniors - please note that we will host **Free CPR training** beginning on **next Saturday, December 7th - Saturday, December 14th**. Please note that this will be the only free opportunity this school year. So, any senior who does not sign up will have to register for an online course through the American Red Cross and pay the registration fee. As a reminder, CPR certification is a North Carolina Graduation requirement. Please see appropriate registration links on our family calendar or in the email and text versions of this message.

Saturday, December 7th,

Monday, December 9th,

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, December 14th.

The location will be room 109 except for Tuesday, December 10th. On December 10th, the training will take place in room 116 of the Lee Science Building. More details on the times as well as a list of students who need this training is located in this sign up link:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoA4CABAF29A5FFC25-53006657-mandatory#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoA4CABAF29A5FFC25-53006657-mandatory#/)  
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This Friday, December 6th is the due date for next Spring's **February 21st** DPS Job Shadowing event for students. Please see the registration link on our family calendar and contact our Career Development Coordinator, Ms. White if you have questions.


- Flyer: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HTD5d-u78LrKmFuOkEX7LG5dnLC\\_fVY2/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HTD5d-u78LrKmFuOkEX7LG5dnLC_fVY2/view?usp=sharing)
- [rebecca\\_white@dpsnc.net](mailto:rebecca_white@dpsnc.net)

Early Bird Prices for our SGA December 13th “Enchanted Fairytale” Winter Dance will end tonight - please purchase tickets as soon as possible - ticket prices will go up to \$20 until December 13th at 10:00 am. Just as a reminder, all Senior Tickets are free and we have received updated information from NCCU that guest tickets will not be allowed. Our theme is “An Enchanted Fairytale” The link to purchase tickets and recommended dress code is in the email and text versions of this message. We are also accepting general donations from families to support the purchasing of paper products and food for the Winter Dance - please use the same payment link tab and make your donation in the “Staff Wellness” location - all of these donations go directly to our locally controlled school funds to support a variety of student and staff events. *Thank you in advance for your support!*

- *Dance Tickets and Donations Link:*

<https://osp.osmsinc.com/DurhamNC/BVModules/CategoryTemplates/Detailed%20List%20with%20Properties/Category.aspx?categoryid=BG086>

- General Dance Information:

-  How To buy your tickets (3).pdf

-  An Enchanted Fairytale (2).pdf

Thank you students and parents that supported our **PTSA** Annual Compassion Corner Thanksgiving Holiday food drive - please see the following email and text message for upcoming initiatives to support.

- Google Slides from the November 19th PTSA General Body meeting including links to the Free Gift Wrapping Community Service Event as well as for our Silent Auction Committee. It also has general, high level information that families might be interested in:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Zs5wCFEOAW8NgBGaNO5Z14SQU-M2TRi4gWxkt\\_4um-U/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Zs5wCFEOAW8NgBGaNO5Z14SQU-M2TRi4gWxkt_4um-U/edit?usp=sharing)

Thank you for recommending our school to potential rising 9th grade students and families in preparation for the **DPS Magnet School Lottery Application window** opening up in January. Virtual and In-Person tours are included in our slide presentation.

- **November 23, 2024 JDC ECHS Presentation:**

 **November 2024 ECHS Showcase/Magnet Presentation - English**

It is not too late to purchase our **JDC Alumni Association tickets to next Saturday's December 7th 20th Anniversary Celebration.** Please see payment link and more information in the email and text versions of this message.

- We are very excited about the upcoming 20th Anniversary of JDClement ECHS event coordinated by our newly formed JD Clement Early College High School Alumni Association! This DPS school was one of the first early college models in North Carolina, and still one of the few located on a 4 year college campus/HBCU. We are very proud of what has been accomplished in 20 years of partnership with North Carolina Central University including the tangible and intangible positive impact this unique school model/experience has had on our graduates, their families, *and future generations to come...*
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- We will have members of the Josephine Dobbs Clement family in attendance, Minnie Forte-Brown as the guest speaker, each of the 3 previous ECHS Principals and current ECHS student government leaders present. Please consider securing your reservation/ticket soon to properly plan for the event.
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- We encourage all former and current ECHS students, graduates, parents, NCCU and DPS faculty and staff to attend. *Feel free to forward to colleagues and personal associates.* The link for more information and ticket sales can be found below:
- Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024
- Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- Location: Sojourn Glenwood Clubhouse - 3710 Exchange Glenwood Pl Suite 1000 Raleigh NC 27612
- Thank you for your support!
- ECHS Alumni Anniversary Event:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XfkI1FjC\\_Ca9XvLuasx8uiTp8ZYergJvcoAh7BqMIfo/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XfkI1FjC_Ca9XvLuasx8uiTp8ZYergJvcoAh7BqMIfo/edit)

Seniors, please continue to send the actual acceptance email or letter that you received from colleges and scholarships to Ms. Bostick through remind or email. Congratulations to all of you!

- Staff Contact: [Lakisha\\_bostick@dpsnc.net](mailto:Lakisha_bostick@dpsnc.net)
- List of College/University Acceptances Class of 2025:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1T27taPkBR6v5YFitumpcAgm1iXOY1nEPTW5ITEFvMVo/edit?usp=sharing>

Lastly, please be sure to review our family calendar and the most recent counselor newsletter for important DPS and Early College events in order to plan accordingly. We plan to communicate our final exam week schedule on next week's Eagle message.

**Thank you for listening and have a great week!**

## Information shared in previous Sunday Messages:

### ECHS final exams during the week of December 16 - 20th.

- Please remember that final exams count as 20% of the semester grade for all classes and students that are not performing well will need to finish the semester strong in addition to doing well on the exam to receive credit for the course.
- Teachers are now communicating with students the DPS policies regarding exam exemptions including an A or B average in the course with a maximum number of absences *excused or unexcused*. It is very important that absences are noted correctly in the power school to be eligible for exam exemption. Please review the attached google slide presentation about this and attend to corrections with our data manager, Ms. Licitra as soon as possible.
- Data Manager: [caroline\\_licitra@dpsnc.net](mailto:caroline_licitra@dpsnc.net)
- **DPS/ECHS Exam Exemption Information:**  
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1\\_woMHgO5onsvZv9NmW8W\\_ST5N\\_2JvOrRumv\\_UA5Pavw/edit#slide=id.p](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1_woMHgO5onsvZv9NmW8W_ST5N_2JvOrRumv_UA5Pavw/edit#slide=id.p)
- *Please note that as a top performer in EOC Math content areas across the state, we highly encourage for our students to prepare for and take these important Foundations of Math I and Math II Fall semester final exams regardless of individual exemption status. Data from the final exams are used to plan for instruction in the Spring leading up to state assessments at the end of the semester in May. Thank you for your cooperation and support.*

As a general reminder - Early College 9th and 10th graders are prohibited from going anywhere on NCCU's campus except for their enrolled college class location without being accompanied by a staff member. Early college upperclassmen are expected to follow rules and the directives of NCCU faculty and staff while using their public spaces. Students that cannot or simply refuse to follow these basic expectations will be given disciplinary consequences or loss of privileges in addition to collaborative meetings to discuss whether or not this Early College unique school setting is aligned to the supervision needed or maturity level to make good choices. Please contact an administrator if you have any questions regarding our student code of conduct and ECHS expectations.

- [lori\\_bruce@dpsnc.net](mailto:lori_bruce@dpsnc.net)
- [jamel\\_anderson-ruff@dpsnc.net](mailto:jamel_anderson-ruff@dpsnc.net)
- Link to the 2024-2025 JD Clement Student/Family Handbook:
- [W ECHS Student Family Handbook July 2024 \(1\).docx](#)

We ask that parents of student athletes who need to leave early due to a game, please send an email to our data manager, Ms. Licitra for the absence to be excused. Please

encourage comprehensive high school coaches to send an email to our data manager and an administrator with a list of all ECHS students affected by any game or absence for that day.

- Staff Contacts/Notes from Parents & Coaches:

- [caroline\\_licitra@dpsnc.net](mailto:caroline_licitra@dpsnc.net)

- [jamel\\_anderson-ruff@dpsnc.net](mailto:jamel_anderson-ruff@dpsnc.net)

- [lori\\_bruce@dpsnc.net](mailto:lori_bruce@dpsnc.net)

- **ECHS Social Worker Contact:** My name is Brittany Frost, your new School Social Worker! I'm happy to be here and happy get to know you all. I will be making introductions to students over the next two weeks and sharing more information about what I do. I will also be emailing more information about my role to students and families. My email is [brittanye\\_frost@dpsnc.net](mailto:brittanye_frost@dpsnc.net) if you would like to reach me before then. I look forward to working with you all and excited for a great year ahead! [brittanye\\_frost@dpsnc.net](mailto:brittanye_frost@dpsnc.net)

- We welcome **Ms. Caroline Licitra to the Early College Faculty as our new Data Manager.** If you have any questions or need to share information regarding parent portal or absences, please feel free to email her directly. Thank you for your patience as we continue to get caught up with excused absences being documented in power school.

- [caroline\\_licitra@dpsnc.net](mailto:caroline_licitra@dpsnc.net)

Our **Yearbook Club** and sponsors are gearing up for this year's publication

- If your child participates in base school sports or extra-curricular activities - we'd love to feature them in the yearbook! Please send your child's name, grade, base school, and any photos you have to our yearbook sponsor, Ms. Klingaman ([Rebecca\\_klingaman@dpsnc.net](mailto:Rebecca_klingaman@dpsnc.net))

- Please consider purchasing full or 1/2 page ads to commemorate achievements and milestones. Please see the flyer link for more information placed in the email and text versions of this message. Thank you in advance for your support!

- ECHS Yearbook Ads 24-25:  Yearbook Ads Flyer.pdf

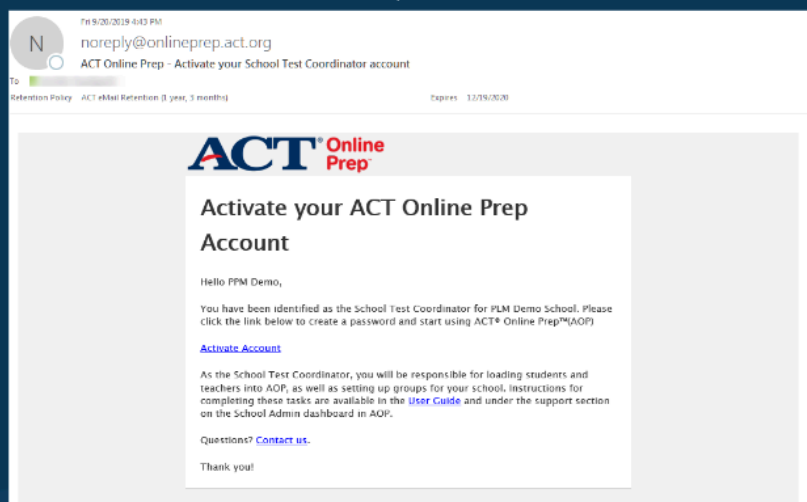
- Staff Sponsor: [rebecca\\_klingaman@dpsnc.net](mailto:rebecca_klingaman@dpsnc.net)

- Staff Sponsor: [jennifer\\_scherer@dpsnc.net](mailto:jennifer_scherer@dpsnc.net)

Our Juniors will also be taking the **ACT Exam in the Spring Semester and we encourage all 11th graders to sign up for the free ACT On-line prep services available paid for by DPS.** Please see the attached graphic of the email that all of our 11th graders received through their DPS email accounts with directions on setting up an account and password. Please follow up with Ms. Bostick if you have questions.

## ACCESSING YOUR ACCOUNT

- Activation email



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We encourage all students, especially 11th and 12th graders to review Ms. Bostick's counselor newsletter including opportunities to take practice ACT exams at one of our traditional high schools in person or online. Her newsletter also has links to sign up for opportunities to take the ACT or SAT exams in our community. Research has found that the students earn higher scores when they take these important college prep exams multiple times and formally prepare with practice materials.

**2025 NCCU Spring Semester scheduling of college and high school courses:** Upperclassmen that have not been responsive to the multiple email attempts to schedule meetings with our school counselor and NCCU liaison will be placed in college classes without your input. If you have not yet set up your meeting - please reach out to Ms. Bostick and Ms. Wilder asap.

- [lakisha\\_bostick@dpsnc.net](mailto:lakisha_bostick@dpsnc.net)
- [lwilder@nccu.edu](mailto:lwilder@nccu.edu)

**ECHS Student Conduct on NCCU Campus:** We have received an increase of concerning behavior reports from NCCU faculty and staff regarding the conduct of our ECHS students in some of the campus spaces that we have the *privilege* of using as upperclassmen - such as the Student Union. We ask that our upperclassmen parents have a conversation with your children regarding where they go throughout the school day, how they use time in between classes, and review their college grades regularly which requires that they log into their My EOL Banner Account. We encourage all students to develop a schedule to ensure that they regularly attend classes, complete assigned work, and consider securing a job with NCCU Dining Services if they have large amounts of time on campus outside of their college classes. Please know that Early College students that cannot manage their behavior, such as being loud and boisterous, being reckless with NCCU furniture and property, or ignoring the simple directives of NCCU or ECHS staff members will lose their privileges of using these spaces and may be assigned to upperclassmen study room 110 in our ECHS building in addition to being considered for placement in a traditional school setting that has a greater amount adult supervision that is more aligned to their apparent maturity level. The misbehavior of a few students does impact the reputation and stability of our entire school program with North Carolina Central University. Thank you in advance for making your home expectations and consequences crystal clear, and your support and responsiveness in general of The Early College.

**MTSS Letters / Academic Warning:** Please be aware that we have recently received NCCU Early Warning notifications for Early College students that currently have Ds and Fs in their college classes in addition to high school mid-quarter grade reports. Our MTSS team will be reviewing this data and sending out letters to formally notify parents and offer opportunities for conferences to provide students additional support. Parents - please stay on top of high school grades listed in the parent portal and schedule time with your child each week to login to their NCCU Banner accounts to review college grades. The first grading period ends on October 11th. In addition to monitoring grades, please be aware that the use of online apps that some students appear to be using to complete homework or classwork may be a violation of our honor code and will not help students acquire the academic skills needed to master the curriculum. Maintaining a 2.5 GPA is expected of all ECHS students to remain in good standing as a student in our school and there are numerous academic supports available including the recently added link to access our student tutors from our ECHS National Honor Society.

- Counselor, Lakisha Bostick - [lakisha\\_bostick@dpsnc.net](mailto:lakisha_bostick@dpsnc.net)
- NCCU Liaison, Lauren Wilder - [lwilder9@nccu.edu](mailto:lwilder9@nccu.edu)

- If your child needs **additional instructional support** - please reach out to your classroom teachers, freshmen and sophomore seminar teachers, or our school counselor for assistance. We have many **free** tutoring opportunities through our staff members before, during, and after school, tutoring offered through our National Honor Society students, the NCCU Tutoring Services Lab, and access to local services such as the virtual sessions offered through the Duke Chance Program.

- **Free Virtual Tutoring Services - Duke Chance Program:**

- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1llbzgvyq0h5oxn4tZlOh\\_rqDNq4N9Da\\_AkmndXn2lAck/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1llbzgvyq0h5oxn4tZlOh_rqDNq4N9Da_AkmndXn2lAck/edit?usp=sharing)

- **Problem Attic is an online intervention system** to help students with Math skills. If any student would like to access to this program - please contact Mr. McCann. ([terry\\_mccann@dpsnc.net](mailto:terry_mccann@dpsnc.net))

- **ECHS National Honor Society Student Tutors: NHS tutoring database:**

- [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1k-9SiOS-uesBolN\\_rfhfMkEFvxnCWVU69Gke7\\_OiQaU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1k-9SiOS-uesBolN_rfhfMkEFvxnCWVU69Gke7_OiQaU/edit?usp=sharing)

- Any student can access that spreadsheet, find the contact information for a tutor, and reach out to get assistance.

**Driver's Education Registration 24-25:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ADHoPDFCVc2SZAGA9KqiF7gxDXl3OndTCyOd7X-h4Us/edit?usp=sharing>

**ECHS August 2024 Open House Presentation:**  **August 2024 ECHS Open House**

**Signing Up for Counselor Bostick's Remind App Messages:**

- PleaseJoinYourClassRemind
- Questions/Concerns: [lakisha\\_bostick@dpsnc.net](mailto:lakisha_bostick@dpsnc.net)
- Students, remind is where you will get very important information. I need all students to join. 9th grade, code @jdcec2028, parent code @jdcec2028p. 10th grade, class code @jdcec2027, parent code @jdcec2027p. 11th grade, class code @jdcec2026, parent code @jdcec2026p). 12th grade, class code @jdcec2025, parent code @jdcec2025p.

Juniors and Seniors that do not have or have misplaced their **Early College NCCU Identification cards** can go over to the Eagle Card Office in the Lee Biology building to request an Eagle Card ID on Wednesday and Friday of this week. Our 9th graders will be obtaining their ID cards during Freshman Seminar classes this Tuesday and Thursday.

- If our 11th and 12th graders would like to purchase an **NCCU meal plan** - they should go over to the Eagle card office to make arrangements.

**Reminder:** Parents & Students - we need your help - we have been noticing an increase of **food delivery services or parent drop off of restaurant meals**. This is a distraction to our instructional day and we do not have the staff resources to manage all of this activity. Please know that DPS offers free meals in our cafeteria for all students starting this year and ***we prefer that this not occur***. Thank you for your help in preserving our intentional instructional school focus from 9:00 - 4:00 each day.