



Emmanuel Christian School

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Dear ECS Family,

This last week has brought about strong emotions for all of us. Anxiety, fear, and frustration reigned supreme for many as we did our best to prepare for what could potentially be coming our way. Restlessness set in for some as families hunkered down in their homes to ride out Hurricane Florence. Relief came when we realized we would not bear the brunt of the storm, and many of us continue to feel heartbreak over the devastation that has taken place in several areas in the Carolinas.

One of my very favorite worship songs contains the following lyrics:

**When the oceans rise and thunders roar; I will soar with You above the storm.
Father, You are King over the flood; I will be still-know You are God.**

I know that even when we don't understand what's happening around us, our Heavenly Father can see what we as humans cannot. Exodus 14:14 tells us, "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." What comfort we have as Christians...knowing that God is fighting our battles FOR us! Will you please join me in continuing to lift all those up in prayer who have been displaced from their homes and lost so much through this ordeal?

As a result of the weather we experienced, I wanted to let you know of several adjustments we have in our calendar and to present you with a very special opportunity that we, as a school, have to help flood victims.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to ECS the week of November 12-16. This will continue to coincide with Grandparents' Day, which has now been moved to Friday, November 16th. This will be an early dismissal day for all students. In order to help recover missed class time, the following days were originally scheduled to be early dismissal but will now be full days: October 5th, November 9th, December 10-13th. December 14th will continue to be an early dismissal day.

Our athletic calendar has also had to experience several modifications due to our time out. Please stay tuned for updates regarding those changes.

Finally, I am excited to tell you about a project that will allow all of us to help other schools that are in need. Several Dillon county schools lost many of their materials as a result of severe flooding in that area. ECS will be collecting basic school supplies over the next two weeks to donate to those schools. Some ideas of great things to give would be: pencils, pens, notebook paper, marble notebooks, binders, tape, folders, colored pencils, markers, anti-bacterial wipes, index cards, etc. If you had to purchase it for your child to begin school with us, there's a good chance those schools need it! We want to take this opportunity to reach out and minister in a small way to others who have lost so much. We will collect supplies September 24th-October 5th. You may drop donations off in your child's homeroom or in the office. Let's show others what it truly means to be the hands and feet of Jesus!

We are blessed. I have been reminding myself of that even more than usual recently. Let us not ever forget all that for which we have to be thankful.

In His Service,
Heather M. Atkinson
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