

Returning Student Newsletter Summer 2023



A Message from Dr. Fischer

Greetings from the ECA offices! I hope that summer has been enjoyable for you all so far. Now, the Admin Team and I are busily getting ready for the coming school year. Please note that this newsletter is one of the few mailings that will come to your mailboxes this year. Be vigilant for the weekly ECA News updates that will be sent electronically to the email addresses we have on file for you in the annual Registration Gateway update. The ECA News is the primary means of communication throughout the school year, so it is absolutely vital that students and family members keep themselves aware. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask.

We are very excited about all of the opportunities that this new school year will bring, and look forward to seeing you next month.

- **Returning Students grades 11 and up and ONE parent/guardian: MANDATORY Back to School Kickoff on Monday, August 21, 6-8pm in the Student Center Ballroom.**
- **ALL Students: CORE Challenge Day on Tuesday, August 22 from 8:30am-12:30pm.**
- **Returning Academy Students: CAMP-US Orientation on Wednesday, August 23 from 8:30am-12:30pm.**

Registration Update: Included in this mailer is your personalized Registration Update letter. Please complete the online update no later than Wednesday, August 16th. Students who do not complete this requirement will NOT be enrolled in the Early College Alliance for the 2023-2024 school year.

Upcoming dates to remember

Wednesday, August 16th: Deadline for Registration Update to be completed. See enclosed letter for details.

Monday, August 21st, 6-8pm: Back to School Kickoff. MANDATORY for Returning Students grades 11 and up and ONE parent/guardian - Student Center Ballroom.

Tuesday, August 22nd, 8:30am - 12:30pm: CORE Challenge Day (for ALL students). This is an orientation day where students will meet other classmates of all grade levels.

Wednesday, August 23rd, 8:30am-12:30pm. CAMP-US Orientation for **Returning Academy Students (& new/incoming students ONLY)**. Returning Academy students should bring a backpack/book bag to carry their materials.

Monday, August 28th: First day of EMU classes ONLY -- NO ECA classes. (NOTE: This is before Labor Day)

Tuesday, August 29th: First day of ECA classes - Full day of school. (NOTE: This is before Labor Day).

Friday, September 1, and Monday, September 4. No School (ECA or EMU) for Labor Day.

Thursday, September 7, 6pm - 8pm: Curriculum Night. Late Start for ECA & Academy Classes to accommodate Curriculum Night; details TBA. Mandatory meeting for parents/guardians of **new/incoming & Returning Academy students ONLY.**

Friday, September 8th -- First Early Release Day for ECA & Academy classes. Early Release for these classes will take place on most Fridays.

Fall '23 ECA Class Schedules/Book Pickup

If you are in 11th grade and up, ECA schedules will be distributed during CORE Challenge Day (as well as books/materials for ECA classes only). If you are Returning Academy, you will receive your ECA schedule (as well as books/materials) on Camp-Ups - 8/23. If you have an EMU class, please log in to your **my.emich** account for your class schedule and room locations.

EMU Only (& Hybrid) Schedule Book Pickup

PLEASE NOTE: Returning Academy will receive their ECA books/materials on Camp-Ups - 8/23.

Returning Students in 11th and 12th grade with ECA classes (hybrid schedule)

You will pick up your ECA books directly after the CORE Challenge Day event, on August 22. Please note that you WILL NOT pick up any EMU class books at this time.

All Students in EMU Classes - (Including Hybrid)

Sign-up slots will be available for August 24 & 25 in King 122. All students who are in EMU classes will sign up for a slot to pick up books. **Watch for an email from Ms. McKague to grab a slot on Sign-Up Genius.** If you are unable to make either of these days, you can come to Ms. McKague's drop-in hours the following week when classes start.

Please understand that once classes start, you are in the Procrastinators Line of Shame. Expect long wait times!

Please email Ms. McKague directly (mckague@earlycollegealliance.info) with any ECA or EMU-related book questions.

Technology Needs for Students

All ECA students, enrolled in either ECA and/or EMU classes, should plan to have a laptop computer for use in all of their classes. Students are welcome to bring their own device (i.e. Macbook, PC laptop, or Chromebook; tablets are acceptable but may have some limitations to their use) or to check out a Chromebook from ECA.

There is no cost to check out a school Chromebook, but we do recommend that students purchase insurance to cover accidental damage or replacement of their school Chromebook (not including replacement chargers) for \$30. If students choose not to insure their school devices, they accept responsibility for the cost of any repairs or replacement needed (see this list of common repair costs: <http://bit.ly/DeviceRepairCosts>)

Our device checkout (rollout) event is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 23 during Camp-Ups**. If you have any questions about technology or checking out a school Chromebook, please reach out to our device technician, Mr. Patel, at patel@earlycollegealliance.info, or instructional technology coach, Ms. Young, at myoung@earlycollegealliance.info.

REC/IM Opt-Out Form

The recently renovated Rec/IM Facility offers basketball, volleyball, and racquetball courts, group fitness studio, fitness machines, two pools, an indoor track, billiards and gaming, and more. If you have any EMU classes on your fall schedule, EMU will add a **\$55 Rec/IM Fee** to your bill. You are responsible for paying this bill, but you can opt out if you do not wish to utilize the facilities. The automatic Rec/IM Fee will be removed from the student account of those students enrolled in at least one EMU Course during the Fall 2023 semester IF you complete and submit the form (scan QR code →). Students not enrolled in an EMU course should not complete the form.



Students with EMU classes need to email the completed and signed form to ebill@emich.edu by September 7th.

EMU Parking Permit

Are you in need of a parking pass for the Fall 2023 semester? Via ParkEMU, Fall parking permits are \$206 per semester and will be available for sale starting August 14th. Permits can only be purchased online at www.parkemu.com and you will need to log in with your EMU ID. Before you purchase, please read the permit details so you know where you can park without being cited or towed. Questions? Please contact ParkEMU at (734) 217-4890.

ECA Parent/Guardian Commitment

Parents and guardians are a vital part of the ECA community. There are many opportunities for parent/guardian involvement, and the expectation is that families will contribute their time, talent, and/or resources throughout the school year. The following is a guideline for the minimum expected level of commitment:

- 3 hours of volunteering/semester (6 hours/year)
- 3 ECA PI meetings/semester (6 meetings/year)
- \$25 in check, cash, or donations/semester (\$50/year, payable to ECA PI)

If this commitment poses an undue burden for your family, please contact your CORE advisor or the Main Office.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS! Mark your calendars for the first ECA PI meeting of the school year on Thursday, September 21st from 6-7:30, via Zoom. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ECAPISept23> for the Zoom link. For more information about ECA PI, please email eca.pi.emu@gmail.com.

Ms. Fountain's Information Station - Returning Academy Students

Hello students! I hope that you're having a great summer thus far! Welcome back to all of my **Returning Academy** students!

Here are just a few reminders regarding C.L.I.C.K (Character-Learning-Involvement-College-Knowledge), our Counseling curriculum:

- You will have C.L.I.C.K every semester while you're a student at ECA
- C.L.I.C.K is a Pass/Fail grade and you must pass each semester to be eligible for graduation
- C.L.I.C.K will consist of online (Canvas), paper, and in-person assignments

Lastly, I hope you are keeping current on your studies by reading at least 4 times a week, for 30 minutes each day, as well as using Khan Academy for math. I'm so excited to see you all in the Fall. We're going to have an awesome year!!

Ms. Squirewell's Counseling Corner

Hello Students! I hope that you are well and enjoying your summer! I look forward to seeing you all in person at the Back to School Kickoff on August 21st!!

Just a few reminders for **Returning and Testers**.....

- Have you thought about an ECA student organization you may want to join in the fall? (Student Leaders, Peer2Peer, Diversiteam, ECA Peer Mentors, etc.)
- Are you searching and applying for scholarships?
- Are you logging your volunteer and/or employment hours?

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Just a few reminders for **Completers**....

- **Take a look at the College Planning Timeline (<https://bit.ly/MyCPT>) and get a head start over the summer!**
- You can start applying to colleges/universities! Remember you are **applying as a freshman** and submitting your weighted GPA.
- You should be searching and applying for scholarships!!!
- Stay tuned for Postsecondary Planning Meetings for FALL 2023.
- **2024 Completers only**...please sign up for REMIND (<https://www.remind.com/join/hc3998e>).
- You can request a "**free**" copy of your ECA transcript by creating an account on **parchment.com**. Your ECA transcript will display your district, ECA, and EMU classes, along with your weighted GPA. The spelling of your name and birthday must match PowerSchool.
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Stay safe and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Questions? Email Mrs. Jackson at jackson@earlycollegealliance.info

