

ESCAMBIA ACADEMY AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

We are excited that Wednesday, August 10th, is our first day of school! **This will be half a day of school with dismissal at noon.** A school calendar for the year is available on the web-site www.eacougar.com

WEBSITE AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

Our current website address is www.eacougar.com. Also, teachers' email addresses will be available through the eacougar.com website in the format of firstname.lastname@eacougar.com.

ATHLETIC CLUB

The Athletic Club will meet August 16th at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium to finalize ad sales for the football program, finalize by-law adoption and discuss plans for the upcoming year. All students who participate in a sport at EA are required to pay membership in the Athletic Club and ALL students and families are invited to become a member. Please bring drawdown auction items to meeting. The Annual Drawdown will be held at the Atmore Country Club on August 26th at 6pm. Tickets are available from members of the Athletic Club.

RAFFLE TICKETS

We are continuing our annual Raffle Ticket sales. You may pick up your tickets in the front office. There will be one drawing for \$4,000 at the football Homecoming game. During an event in the second semester another \$1000 drawing will be held. Each family is responsible for \$300 worth of tickets.

FALL WORK DAY

August 6th is our Fall Make Up Work Day. A list of projects and team leaders will be sent out in a separate email. We really need everyone's help to get our school ready for the first day. If you do not attend work day you will be assessed \$250 per the registration agreement.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The Student Handbook is under revision in a few areas and will be available on the website at the start of school. All students and parents are asked to read the handbook as there are some changes from last year. An acknowledgement should be signed by each student and parents and returned to the school office by Friday, August 19th.

MEET THE COUGARS NIGHT

Come to the football field on Friday, August 12th, for our Annual Meet the Cougars at 6:00pm. We encourage **ALL** of our EA family to attend as this event is for our entire school and not only athletics. Presold BBQ sandwich plates will be available at the event by calling, texting, or emailing Coach Fountain (251-359-1267 or hugh.fountain@eacougar.com).

NEW TEACHERS

We are excited to welcome new teachers to our EA family:
Band Director: John Bell

Band

Band Camp: Wednesday-Friday, August 3-5 from 8:30am until 4:30pm

LUNCHROOM

We will continue to offer Convenience Lunches and Salad Bar in our lunchroom. The same procedure will be followed each two weeks for your order to be placed and payment made. This allows our vendors time to plan their meals and delivery. Remember—you must complete the order form with payment by the deadline so that the correct number of lunches can be ordered. Please plan accordingly: there will be no refunds issued if a meal is missed, i.e., absence from school, field trip, sports event, etc.

In preparation for the convenience lunches each student will need to bring his/her lunch through August 22nd. BBQ sandwich plate may be purchased for student's lunch on Friday, August 12th by contacting Coach Fountain.

CHAPEL

Chapel Services will be held each Wednesday for Elementary, Middle and High School students. All students should wear their dress uniforms to chapel services. There will be other times throughout the year when dress uniforms are required. Please refer to your Student Handbook for more information.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

Our After School Care Program is continuing this year. The hours are 3pm - 5:30 pm. The children will be in the elementary building. A new fee schedule has been developed to offer these services for students in K4-5th grade: 1st child: \$15/week; 2nd child: \$10/week; 3rd child: \$5/week; 4th child: no charge. Payment is due at the beginning of each week-it is not billed on the monthly statement. This charge will be applicable if the program is used for one day or all five days of the week. All children must be picked up by 5:30pm to prevent incurring further charges. The After School Care Program will start on Monday, August 15th. Registration/information forms are available at the office and on the website.

CLASS SUPPLY LISTS

These lists are available in the front office.

CONCESSION STAND SCHEDULE

As described in our Student Handbook and Registration Packet, a concession stand schedule will be developed so that all of our parents have an opportunity to volunteer and assist with athletic activities.

STUDENT DIRECTORY

Directory Information forms will be given out the first day of school. Please make sure these are completed with all contact information as this is our major method of correspondence. If there are any changes in your contact information throughout the school year please notify the office.

VIP Volunteers

If you are interested in becoming a VIP Volunteer, please contact Maggie Quimby. These volunteers provide many services on a daily basis for the faculty and staff of Escambia Academy. They arrive at the beginning of each school day and stay until 11am, duties include: maintain the sick room, making copies for teachers, delivering messages, laminating items for staff members, and running off the daily bulletin are among the many services these wonderful people provide. Members are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile program.

Peewee Cheerleading

If your daughter is interested in participating in Peewee Cheerleading, contact Natalie Donaldson (251-359-1961 or parisfd_2000@yahoo.com), as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE

Friday, August 5th: Band Director Meet & Greet 4:30pm – 6pm

Saturday, August 6th: Fall Make-up Work Day beginning at 7am

Saturday, August 6th: Football Scrimmage @ 5pm

Wednesday, August 10th: First Day of School

Friday, August 12th: BBQ Plate/Boston Butt fundraisers, please contact Coach Fountain for tickets.

Saturday, August 13th: EA vs First Baptist (Charleston, S.C.), 5pm @ Crampton Bowl in Montgomery

Tuesday, August 16th: Athletic Club Meeting @ 5:30pm

Friday, August 19th: EA vs Abbeville Christian - Home

Friday, August 26th: Drawdown @ Atmore Country Club 6-9pm

Friday, September 2nd: EA vs Northview, 7pm – Away