



**El Camino Real
Academy**
FAMILY NEWSLETTER
December 3, 2021



WELCOME

Hello ECRA families! It's hard to believe the semester is almost over! The last weeks of the semester are very important, so let's all stay focused to ensure success for all of our students. Please contact the office at 505-314-2212 if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 4: Breakfast with Santa-virtual
 December 7: Virtual Math and Science Night
 December 8 & 9: Istation testing grades K-5
 December 8, 9, & 10: MS Exhibitions
 December 9: HOWL Assemblies
 December 13-15: Finals for grades 7-12
 December 16-17: HS Exhibitions
 December 8,9,10,16 & 17: Remote learning for all students in grades 7-12
 December 16: Winter Festival
 December 20-January 3: Winter break

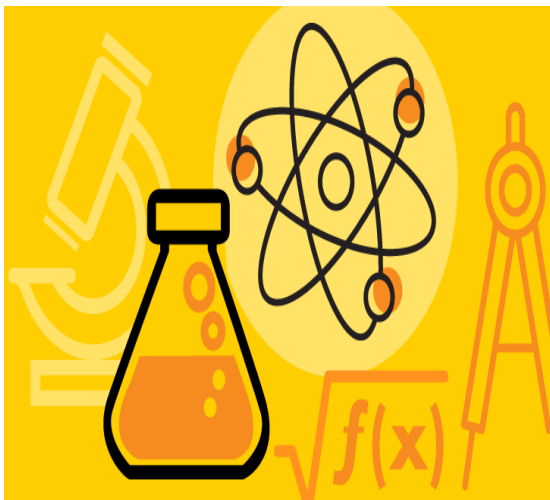


BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Breakfast with Santa will be held virtually on Saturday, December 4th at 9:00 a.m. A flyer with the link to join has been sent out to families via email.

MATH & SCIENCE NIGHT

Virtual Math and Science Night will be held on Tuesday, December 7th from 5:30 to 6:30. The first half of the event will be facilitated by ECRA and the second half by Sandia Family Science by Explora. A flyer with more information has been sent out to families via email.



How to Wash Masks



Masks are an additional step to help slow the spread of COVID-19 when combined with [every day preventive actions](#) and [social distancing](#) in public settings.

Reusable masks should be washed as soon as they become dirty, or at least once a day. If you have a disposable face mask, throw it away after wearing it once. Always and [wash your hands](#) after handling or touching a used mask.

How to clean



Washing machine

- You can include your mask with your regular laundry.
- Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the mask.

Washing by hand

- Wash your mask with tap water and laundry detergent or soap.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove detergent or soap.



Make sure to completely dry mask after washing.

How to dry



Dryer

- Dry your mask completely in a warm or hot dryer

By hand

- Hang your mask in direct sunlight to dry completely. If you cannot hang it in direct sunlight, hang or lay it flat and let it dry completely.



This article and more information can be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wash-cloth-face-coverings.html>

ECRA STUDENT DAILY COVID-19 QUESTIONNAIRE



(if you chose in-person learning)

Each day before sending your child to school, please review the following questions regarding your child's health.

If you answer yes to any of the questions:

Please do not send your child to school. Contact a medical provider or call the COVID Hotline at 855-600-3453, then call the health office at ECRA.

Questions for ECRA Students Before They Go to School

1. Does your child currently have a temperature of over 100.4 degrees?
2. In the past 24 hours, has your child experienced:
 - Sore throat, runny nose, congestion
 - New frequent, dry cough (for students with documented chronic allergies/asthma, a change in baseline cough)
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Diarrhea, vomiting
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - New onset of headache
 - Fatigue or muscle or body aches
3. Has your child recently been in close contact with anyone who has exhibited any of these symptoms?
4. Has your child recently been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
5. Is anyone in the household waiting for COVID-19 test results? (routine surveillance testing not included)

Reviewing these questions daily and making good decisions can help us prevent the spread of COVID-19



If any family has a **positive case of COVID-19**, please contact Jennifer Mercer at 505-314-2212 as soon as possible. ECRA is required to report cases to the New Mexico Public Education Department. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe!

EXHIBITIONS AND FINALS

IMPORTANT

Exhibitions will begin next week for secondary students. Students in grades 7 – 12 will all be in remote learning on December 8th, 9th, 10th, 16th, and 17th for exhibitions to take place virtually. Students will still need to log into their classroom daily and complete assignments. Finals will be held for all secondary students on December 13th, 14th and 15th. Students will be on their normal learning option for finals. Elementary students will have classes as usual until winter break.



December 7th is Tasting Tuesday with Ms. Rachel and Kids Cook! The Tasting of the Month is green, Castelvetro olives imported from Italy. Olives are a good source of Vitamin E which is an antioxidant that protects our bodies from sickness and helps to strengthen our immune systems.

LEARNING OPTIONS

As a reminder, ECRA is operating with 3 learning options for students.

Option A: Students are onsite

Monday through Friday

Option B: Students are fully remote

Option C: Students are in remote learning Monday through Thursday and onsite on Fridays.

Families are asked to remain in the option they chose for the remainder of the semester with one exception. If you decided to have your child attend school for in person instruction every day and you later decide you would like to change to remote learning, you may do so at any time. You would just need to complete the [Change Request for Remote Learning](#) form and your student will be moved.



Have a wonderful weekend!



Ms. Ortiz' class created a "Thankful Tree" to express their gratitude. We are thankful they shared it with us!