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East Mecklenburg High School PTSA Newsletter



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News From Principal Rick Parker

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Dear Parents,

Joe Namath once said, “If you aren’t going all the way, why go at all?” Fourth Quarter has arrived! To a player and a coach, fourth quarter always signifies that you have one last chance to give it everything you’ve got; failure is not an option; we have come too far to quit now; and this is our time. “Forever” is about to happen for many of our seniors as they prepare for graduation on June 10. This is the time of year for all of our students to make sure all *t*’s are crossed and *i*’s are dotted.

Of first importance is attendance: attendance is the key to success, and your child should know how many days they have missed in each class. Students can only miss ten days in a class. Students must do recovery for any absences over 10. Secondly, all fees should be paid before the end of the year. **Any senior with delinquent fines will not be able to participate in graduation!** As the year ends, remember that all exams are important and students should be present at school during final exam week, June 1-4. Parents, please plan all appointments on days other than exam days. Let’s continue working together, making sure students are reporting to school mentally prepared to finish strong.

There are several notables to highlight at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Our Culinary Arts Program won three gold medals and will be competing in the nationals in Chicago. Chabré Phillips, Amber Hopkins, and Shaneé Phillips are the proud Gold Medal winners. Monet Tellier, girls’ basketball player, was named NC Coaches Association Player of the Year. The varsity baseball team is playing well with a record of 11-5. The East Meck Spirit Night and Campus Beautification Day were a huge success. Orchestra finished second in a national competition in Chicago.

The newsletter this month is full of valuable information involving the end of year procedures. Please read thoroughly!

Sincerely,
Richard B. Parker

Remember: Every Eagle A Success!

Guidance and Student Services Information

College-Bound Senior???

Time to request your Final Transcript

GREEN FINAL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORMS

are available in the guidance office.

- * Complete form with parent signature if you are under 18.
 - * Include an envelope addressed to the college you will attend.
Include 2 stamps for a #10 business size envelope.
Larger or manila envelopes require MORE POSTAGE!
 - * Return request to the **FINAL TRANSCRIPT** box in the Guidance Office.
- Questions? Call (ext 237) or stop by Guidance and speak to Amy Wiebke*

From The Registrars Office

There is someone in the Guidance Office most days of summer break.

If your student is moving over the summer, please notify the Registrar and let them know where you will be moving. We are required to know where every students attends school. Also, a new school will require records from East Meck in order to enroll your student. The Registrar will gladly provide documents to facilitate your enrollment at the new school.

If you are moving within CMS, your new school will be able to access the appropriate records to enroll your student during the summer, but you will need to provide three proofs of address. **Please see the CMS website, cms.k12.nc.us.** Enroll your child to find the specific proof of address requirements. Even if you have moved and still live in the East Meck home school area, your address and phone number need to be updated so that the mailing prior to the beginning of school will reach you. If you have questions, please contact the school.

JUNIOR ROTC AWARDS

The Annual Air Force Junior ROTC Awards Ceremony will be on May 1, 2010 in the school cafeteria at 5:00pm. Invitations to all cadets receiving awards will be given out next week. Please respond to the RSVP as requested.

Graduation Rehearsal

Graduation rehearsal is mandatory for all seniors. This will be held Thursday, June 10, from 4:00-5:30pm at Bojangles Coliseum. *Parents are not permitted to attend rehearsal.*

Graduation is Friday, June 11th at 4:30pm. Seniors must arrive to line up by 3:00pm.



FINAL EXAMS

Final exams (for ALL students): June 1-4

Mandatory Retest 1 for all students who score a Level II on the EOC's: June 7-10

Our request to revise the final exam schedule has been approved. All final exams will begin on June 1 and continue through June 4. Testing will follow the class period in sequence: 1st period on June 1st, 2nd period on June 2nd, etc. Retesting for all EOC classes is required for any student who scores a Level II on the EOC test. Parent permission to test is required for retesting students who score Level I.



If you have questions, please contact Linda Hewitt
l.hewitt@cms.k12.nc.us.

WE NEED YOUR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION!!

Be recognized for your achievements. If you are offered **ANY** scholarship money from **ANY** school (even if you will not be attending that school) you need to report that information to Ms. Ross in the School Counseling Office to receive recognition. Please make copies of **ANY AWARD LETTER** you receive and turn them in to Ms. Ross in the School Counseling Department. So far our Eagles have been offered in excess of 2.5 million dollars! I know there is more out there.

GO EAGLES!

Scholarship Information for Current Juniors

NROTC is offering a full-ride college scholarship that could be valued up to \$180,000. This would also include a monthly living stipend while the student is in college.

Juniors can qualify to apply for NROTC Scholarship if they have earned SAT scores of 530 on Verbal/Reading and 520 on Math OR ACT scores of 21 on both Verbal/Reading and Math. Email or call Mrs. Smith in the Career Center (Deborah.smith@cms.k12.nc.us), 980-343-6430, ext. 245 for more information as soon as possible.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS

Cell phones may only be picked up in the main office between 2:15pm and 3:30pm.
CELL PHONES CANNOT BE PICKED UP DURING SCHOOL HOURS. Thanks for your understanding.

NC HOSA LEADERSHIP COMPETITION WINNERS

Last week 19 students attended the NC HOSA Leadership Competition; five of the students are eligible for Nationals in June. The following East Meck students were recognized.

Gabriela Reed: *1st Place Researched Persuasive Speaking*

Students are given the choice of 2 topics each year, this year being America vs. Canada: Who has the best healthcare system? & Advertising Prescription Drugs, which is the topic Gabby chose. Competitors develop a speech and written paper to reflect the position taken either for or against the selected topic.

Rudra Shah and Radhika Kothadia: *1st place: Community Service*

Develop a project that has significant impact on the community and educate the community on the health concern chosen. In addition, a 14 page portfolio is required documenting the activities, publicity, summary and reflection. In addition, the students have 8 minutes to present information about the project to the judges including a PowerPoint which also documents the project. The students project was TRU aimed at preventing smoking in teens.

Neelish Dewan: *4th Place Epidemiology*

50 multiple choice questions concerning the effect of health and disease in populations and 20 short answer questions in response to case study.

Roshan Patel, Yash Patel, Ezra Rorie, Becky Rodriquez: *7th Place: Creative Problem Solving*

Students have to analyze the problem solving process and work as a team to apply the skill to create a solution to a hypothetical healthcare related problem. There are 2 rounds: 1st a written test in which team combined score determines who is qualified to move up to the second round. Round 2 is a secret topic in which the students have 30 minutes to develop a solution to the problem and prepare a speech explaining how and why they came up with their solution, followed by 10 minutes to present the material to judges, and then 5 minutes to respond to judges' questions.

Roshan Patel: *Top 10 in the Kaiser Permanente Healthcare Issues Exam*

Students are given a 50 item multiple question test with 1 essay question, covering information from articles listed in USA Today, CBS News Healthwatch and Kaiser Permanente News Release and Spotlight Stories from July 1st 2009-February 1st, 2010 (Nationals adds Feb-May 2st, 2010)

Darshan Dave and Touren Baseda: *11th place in Forensics.*

First round is a written test covering all aspects of forensics; top combined scores qualify for the second round. Second round involves 6 minutes to analyze a crime scene and 30 minutes to give the written conclusion.

Thanks to Alissa Juarez who served as a chaperone.

Cass Thompson

ART AWARD WINNERS

The following students will be receiving certificates for their outstanding craft work, which won awards at the state level for the Junior Women's Club Arts Festival. The Competition was hosted by Salem College in Winston-Salem, NC on Saturday, March 20, 1020.

Priya Duren: First Place in Beadwork

Richard Chen: First Place in Decorative Painting (Huichoi Yarn Painting)

Madison James: Second Place in Ceramics (Teapot)

Breanna Wright: Second Place in Mosaics

Richard Chen: Second Place in Dye Craft (Batik)

Breanna Wright: Third Place in Nature Craft (Embellished Gourd)

Congratulations to these students for their fine work and outstanding craftsmanship!



DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS EAST SIDE STORIES

The Drama Club is proud to present the third annual student written, student directed, student acted new play festival, **EAST SIDE STORIES!** The festival runs Thursday, May 6th through Friday May 7th. Tickets are just \$3.00. Curtain is at 7:00pm in the Auditorium. See East Meck creativity unleashed!!

May 2010—June 2010

Schedule of Events May



May

- 05/01 Band @ UNCG for All State Band
- 05/05 Sunset Party hosted by Senior Board on football field
- 05/08/ PROM!!! 2010 hosted @ BofA Stadium 8-12 pm
- 05/10 School Leadership Team meeting in main office 6:00 pm
- 05/13 PTSA meeting in main office 6:00 pm
- 05/14 Orchestra Spring Concert in auditorium 7-8:30 pm
- 05/17 IB PAC meeting in media center 7:00
- 05/20 Awards Night in Auditorium
- 05/21 Band Banquet Providence United Methodist Church 6:00

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Schedule of events June

- 06/05 SAT testing in 600 hall
- 06/11 Graduation @ Bo Jangles 4:00
- 06/12 ACT testing in 600 hall



WAY TO GO SENIORS!
Enjoy your summer , be safe
and see you next year!

See all current sports schedules on the East Meck website!!

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A WORD OF THANKS TO THE FABULOUS EAST MECK STAFF

Please take the time to offer a word or note of thanks to the teachers and staff at East Meck who work so hard to instruct and guide our children. We will be honoring our staff on Thursday, May 6th with a special breakfast. Please consider donating items to be used at this event to honor our FABULOUS teachers and staff. Any breakfast items may be brought to the Staff lounge by 6:30am on Thursday the 6th, or items can be dropped off on Wednesday in the main office labeled "staff appreciation." Doughnuts, bagels, fruit, pastries, casseroles, etc. would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Paige Carroll at All4acc2@aol.com if you have questions.

Thank you so much!!

