

Good evening this is Rick Parker, Principal of East Mecklenburg High School calling with our weekly update. Tonight the Theatre Department will present their annual production of East Side Stories. Plays begin at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. You are invited to come out and enjoy an entertaining evening.

Next Tuesday, May 27th the annual student/faculty basketball game will be held in the gym beginning at 3:00 p.m. There will be a sophomore study session on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30 in the cafeteria; this is a great opportunity to get extra help and tutoring before exams! The annual Senior Awards Ceremony will be Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the Auditorium. Also, Friday evening, the IB Seniors will have their end of the year dinner celebration in the cafeteria beginning at 6:00 p.m. Yearbooks were distributed on Thursday, any student who is interested in purchasing a yearbook can see Ms. Connolly in the Media Center. Yearbooks are still available for \$85.00.

Final Exams or Testing has started. Beginning May 23<sup>rd</sup> through May 30<sup>th</sup> the students who have English II EOC A/B day courses will be testing during the regular school day. Beginning, Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> the schedule will be as follows: Monday, June 2nd, period 1 Exam, Tuesday, June 3rd, period 2 exam, Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> period 3 exam and Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> period 4 exam and Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> will be all make up exams. All exam days include block and A day/ B day classes and will follow the bell schedule of 7:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> are regular school days with the bell schedule of – 7:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. All makeup exams must be scheduled with the appropriate teachers. Attendance is vital for the success of all exams. I stress to all parents, students must be present for their scheduled exams. Dress code will be strictly enforced. Pajamas, bedroom shoes, and blankets are prohibited. All exams begin at 7:15 a.m. Dismissal will be at 12:10 p.m. To insure a proper testing environment, all students must remain in their class until the end of the exam period. NO EARLY DISMISSALS will be allowed during the exam period. Please be sure your child is well prepared for testing, as final exams count 25% of the final course grade.

Again, thank you for your support of East Mecklenburg and our students. Enjoy your long weekend and we will see on Tuesday.