

Good evening, this is Rick Parker, Principal of East Mecklenburg High School calling to thank all of our students and staff for a great start to the 2014-2015 school year. To insure a smooth start to the school year, grade level assemblies for all students were held this week to introduce the academic and behavioral expectations. Beginning, Tuesday, Sept. 2nd, lockout procedures and the dress attire policy will be enforced. Please be sure you have reviewed the student handbook /agenda with your child regarding all rules and regulations. The top Five Rules for students to remember are: 1) Be respectful at all times. 2) Wear your ID badge at all times. 3) Attend all classes on time. 4) Follow proper dress code. 5) Only use electronic devices and phones during the designated times and in the assigned areas (before school until 7:15 a.m., lunch time (in the cafeteria, cafeteria patio, cafeteria lobby, and our courtyard), and after school. No electronic are be used in the hallways. As a reminder to all students who drive, you must have your parking pass or you are subject to being ticketed or car being towed. Parents, please do not drop off students in the student parking lot area, front area or the bus lot. For your student's safety, please use the designated drop off, pick up lanes.

I care very deeply about all students at East Mecklenburg and their safety. As many of you have already heard, two CMS students have been struck by automobiles off campus in separate incidents. These are tragic events that I hope to never happen as East Mecklenburg. As we all know Monroe Road is a very busy and dangerous thoroughfare. Please be sure that your child crosses only at the designated crosswalks. We DO NOT ALLOW STUDENTS TO RUN across Monroe Road. Also a major concern is the construction on Independence Boulevard. Under no circumstance is a student to cross the barriers on Independence Boulevard. All students who live across Independence Blvd have an assigned bus to ride and we encourage them to ride the bus instead of walking. If your child rides a bike, please be sure he or she has reflective clothing. For those students who drive, please be aware of anyone walking. Let's stay safe!!

Looking ahead to next week, please mark your calendar for our "Back To School" night on Thursday, September 4th. We will begin with a brief PTSO meeting in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m. This "Back To School" Night is an opportunity for you to walk your student's schedule and meet their teachers. There will also be organizations set up with information about what they do for East Mecklenburg High School and how you can be a part of their organization. Club representatives will also be set up around campus for students who may be interested in joining. Our Friday night football game next week, September 9th will be at North Mecklenburg. Please come out and support our Eagles.

We believe that Relationships + Rules + Routines = Results, and we look forward to building that partnership with you where home life reinforces our goal to have every child college and career ready. Thank you and enjoy the long weekend.