

Good evening, this is Rick Parker, Principal of East Mecklenburg High School calling with our weekly update. Mr. Winter still keeps hanging on and throwing us a curve ball. This week brought more challenges with a snowy day on Tuesday, and a snow day on Thursday. Students will not have to make up the missed school day. The "Coffee with the Principal" was cancelled on Thursday, therefore our next scheduled "Coffee" will be March 26<sup>th</sup>.

A big congratulation goes out to Sophie Sipprell as she interviewed and was selected as a winner of the British-American Business Council, a summer study abroad program. Congratulations to senior Karrington Harris of The Eagle newspaper staff for having been named as alternate for North Carolina High School Journalist of the Year. This is the second year that a staff member of The Eagle has been so honored. She will receive a \$500 scholarship and be honored at the North Carolina Scholastic Media Institute in Chapel Hill in June. Thank you to Allison Bell, who found personal property and immediately turned it in to administration, she received an Eagle Pride Shirt.

Looking ahead to next week IB 12<sup>th</sup> Grade World Language Oral testing begins. On Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, all juniors will take the ACT beginning at 7:30 a.m. This test is being given at no cost and students may select up to 4 institutions to receive their scores. Students should bring a photo ID, a calculator, and number 2 pencils. All students who arrive on time and complete their testing will receive a 10 point bonus coupon, a coupon for \$1 off admission to a spring sports game, and a 5 minute early dismissal to lunch pass. Additionally, all juniors who test will be entered into a drawing for 2 pairs of Hornets tickets, restaurant gift cards, prom tickets, and more! **School will dismiss at 12:30 p.m.** for all students on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students may prepare for the test by doing Final Prep in Triumph. During testing ninth and tenth graders will be doing an Explorer Career Survey and an English Activity. Twelfth graders who are missing the CPR credit required to graduate, will have the chance to earn it on this day. Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> the New Gen Peace Builders will meet in the Media Center from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 pm.

Today during homeroom students were reminded of the electronic device policy. Electronic devices are only allowed to be out and on during designated times and areas during the school day. Designated times are before school begins, during lunch times and after the dismissal bell in the afternoon. During lunch electronic devices are only allowed to be used in the cafeteria, cafeteria lobby and patio areas. Electronic devices, including earbuds and headphones are not allowed anytime in the hallways. Administration will begin to strictly enforce this policy. If your students device, earbuds or headphones are taken for using them at an

undesignated time or space, a parent or guardian will need to come to the school to retrieve the device.

Your support and engagement in our students and school is important and valued. Please check our school website and look for the link on the left hand side "Getting Involved at EMHS". This is a way for you to let us know the areas you would be interested in volunteering. There is also a link for the CMS Volunteer Application if you have not already registered. Thank you and have a great weekend.