

Good evening, this is Rick Parker, principal of East Mecklenburg High school, calling with our Friday Weekly Update. Students were busy this week reviewing and preparing for their first semester exams. We started today administering our first period exam. On Monday, January 15th we will honor Martin Luther King Holiday. There is no school. Our exams continue into next week with Tuesday 1/16 - 2nd period exam, Wednesday 1/17 - 3rd period exam, Thursday 1/18 - 4th period exam, Friday 1/19 - Make-up Exams. A Day Midterms are 7:15 - 9:40; B-Day Midterms are 9:45 - 12:15; each day students are to report to class at 7:15 a.m. A bag lunch will be provided with Dismissal @ 12:30 p.m. There are no early dismissals during exams. Monday, January 22nd is a Teacher Workday and we begin second semester on Tuesday, January 23rd. We are very excited to have our new 500 building open for second semester. All Culinary Arts, JROTC, World Language, and Career Technical Education classes will be offered in the new 500 building. My administrative team and I have determined after walking from the farthest classroom to our new building that the transition time between classes will remain the same, five minutes. Since many of our trailers will no longer be utilized for classes, this will help with transition time between classes as well.

Attention parents of seniors! There is only one week left to purchase a recognition ad for your graduating senior. Tell your student how proud they make you! Select your own cherished photos, choose a layout, and add your personal message for the year book. Go to Jostens.com by January 19th.

Our Staff Member Spotlight of the Week is Isiah Williams, Academy of Engineering teacher. Please visit the East Meck Website to learn more about this awesome teacher. We are hosting the Southeast Honors Orchestra Friday, 1/19 and Saturday, 1/20.

Athletic events this week are as follows:

Friday, January 19th - SW4A Conference Swim Meet @ Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Basketball @ home against Porter Ridge 3:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Make sure your child is preparing for their exams this week-end. Some tips are: Prepare them little snacks for energy as they study, create small breaks, make sure they are going to bed at a decent hour, and encourage them! I leave you with two great quotes from Thomas Edison, “When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this: You haven’t.” and “Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

Have a great evening!