

Good evening, this is Rick Parker, Principal of East Mecklenburg High School calling with our weekly update. I hope everyone enjoyed the snow, had some fun, and was accident free. Next week begins with Martin Luther King Holiday on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> is a regular school day.

The exam schedule is as follows:

- Jan 18th--Period 1 exams
- Jan 19th--Period 2 exams
- Jan 20th--Period 3 exams
- Jan 23rd--Period 4 exams
- Jan 24th--Make up exam day

School will start at 7:15 on exam days. Please have your child arrive on time. During exams, cell phone usage is strictly prohibited, as it interferes with the online testing platform. Students who do not adhere to the no cell phone usage policy will be sent to their administrator. No early dismissals will be allowed on exam days.

On January 25th, juniors will take the practice ACT that was originally scheduled for January 13th. Students will receive their score instantly and will have the opportunity to sign up for free ACT prep classes in 702 with Mr. Calos. PSAT scores will also be sent home with sophomores and juniors on this day. Students can follow the directions provided to link their account to the College Board and get free online personalized tutoring.

Looking ahead, juniors will take the state administration of the real ACT on February 28th. More information will be provided as we get closer to the date.

Congratulations to Perry Calos, one of our Engineering teachers who is our Staff Member Spotlight of the Week. This is his first year at East and we are proud to have him on staff. Please visit the East Meck website to learn more about this Engineering teacher.

Sporting events next week are Basketball @ Independence on Friday, 1/20.

My Coffee with the Principal was rescheduled for Friday, 1/20 @ 7:30 a.m. I look forward to seeing you there.

Lastly, keep your child LOCKED IN to finish this first semester strong! As you have heard we say, **Planning, Preparing, and Expecting to Win makes all the difference in the world!**

Have a great evening!