

Good evening, this is Rick Parker, Principal of East Mecklenburg High School, calling with our Friday Weekly Update. Many of our students finished their first quarter exams and starting next week will begin their second quarter. This a reminder that Monday, October 30th is a teacher workday and students are not required to come to school. October 31st will be the first day of second quarter.

Monday, October 30th there will be a Trunk or Treat from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the student parking lot. Tuesday, October 31st there will be a Halloween costume contest sponsored by Student Congress. No mask or painted faces are allowed.

Thanks to Sprint Mobile, all of our students along with their parent/guardian who do not currently have internet service in their homes, can receive a FREE Hot Spot from Sprint. Parent consent forms are REQUIRED for students to participate in this program. I encourage all of our families to take advantage of this opportunity provided by Sprint.

College Awareness Month (CAM) is October 31th – November 24th! CAM was developed to encourage and support students in applying for college, financial aid, and completing NC residency requirements. It is about planning, exploring and preparing, applying and follow-up! The actual College Application Week will be November 13th – 17th. During this month, Student Services and CIS (Communities in Schools) will provide information and activities to support students with these important steps towards pursuing higher education. They will be set up in the Cafeteria Lobby each week.

Our students can now download the REMIND app to their phone when it comes to bus changes. Once Announcements start in afternoon, students can look at their phone at that time for the bus changes. Join a class > @emhsbu Or Text 81010 put in the message box @emhsbu> hit send Mr. Edde send out a REMIND for bus changes on a daily basis.

"Are you interested in attending an exciting evening with two award winning authors, a DJ, virtual reality and art demos? Check out EpicFest sponsored by the Independence Library on November 4th from 7-10 pm. Visit their website at foundation.cmlibrary.org/teen or contact mjackson@cmlibrary.org for more information!"

A special congratulations goes out to our two Special Olympic soccer teams who won two games! They are now 4- 0!

The EMHS Performing Arts Booster Club is selling \$20 Autobell giftcards. Please email Mrs. MacLeod at bernadette.macleod@cms.k12.nc.us if you are interested in purchasing one.

The band was amazing this past Saturday! They received a Class 4A Superior Rating and brought home 2nd Place overall Class 4A with 3rd Place Drum Major; 2nd Place in General Effect, Music, Marching, and Percussion; and 1st Place Visual Ensemble (Colorguard) at the Mustang Classic! Way to go Band!! Don't forget to order your band fruit!

Voting is one of our most cherished American rights. I am reminding you that we can lead by example on civic participation for our students by voting early or on Election Day, Tuesday November 7. CMS bonds are one item on this year's ballot. You can find information about the

proposed CMS bonds and how funds from the bonds would be used to support our students, teachers and schools by going to the Bond Info button on the CMS website. East Mecklenburg is on the list for more renovations to our older buildings.

Have a great week-end!