

# **BLUE BLAST**

January 15, 2015

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### **Important Dates**

Jan. 13 - Jan. 16 - Exams - half day schedule, exams begin at 7:15

Jan. 16 - Last date to order a senior ad for yearbook

Jan. 19 - No School

Jan. 20 - Half day scheduled exam Make up day

Jan. 21 - 3rd Quarter Begins

Jan. 22 - Coffee with Principal 7:30 am - 8:30 am in Media Center Jan. 28 - CIEE Global Navigator Scholarship Rep. at East Meck 7pm

#### **Yearbook News**

Congratulations to the yearbook staff for winning \$1,000 from Jostens for uploading one of their commercials to ReplayIt.

Seniors...are you interested in making your yearbook special? You only have until Jan. 16th to order a senior ad to be included in the yearbook. Flyers will be available in the Media Center and front office once we return from the break.

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## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Tin Phan, Molina Shah and Milaan Shah for being selected as semi-finalists for the Park Scholarship at NC State. East Meck had more students selected as semi-finalists than any other high school in CMS !!!! Good luck and congratulations on your hard work and dedication.

CIEE's Global Navigator Scholarships for Study Abroad

East Mecklenburg has won CIEE's Global Navigator Scholarships to help fund students' study abroad next summer. Scholarships are awarded based on need for tuition and do not cover airfare, passport fees or personal spending money. More information, including both the program application and the scholarship application, can be found at www.ciee.org/high-school-summer-abroad. A representative of CIEE will be in the East Mecklenburg Media Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, for a brief presentation and question-and-answer session. Hope you will join us!

## **Coffee with Principal Rescheduled**

"Coffee With The Principal" that was scheduled for Thursday, January 15th at 7:30 a.m. has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 22nd 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. in the Media Center. We apologize for any inconvenience this change may have caused. Unfortunately due to the limited number of areas available for testing, our Media Center will need to be available during the testing dates of exams this week.

It is our hope that you will still be available to attend the "Coffee" next Thursday, January 22nd at 7:30 a.m. in the Media Center.

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## **Independence Library Welcome Back**

Independence Library is located across the road from East Mecklenburg High School at 6000 Conference Drive. We offer a safe and welcoming environment for studying, attending programs, and using research and homework resources after school. We offer staff led programs Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 for teens age 12-18. These include opportunities for community service, art and science based exploration, and one-on-one guidance on library education resources. In addition we have self-directed activities available every Tuesday and Friday afternoon. For more information call 704-416-4800 ext 4 and ask to speak to Britni Cherrington or Noelle Culler. You can find more information about programs we offer at http://www.cmlibrary.org/programs/ The best way to learn about library resources is to come and visit us! We look forward to seeing you soon!

## For Info on Scholarships

http://emcounseling.cmswiki.wikispaces.net

Keep up to date on all scholarships, graduation requirements and other information by following us on Twitter at @CMS\_HighSchools

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## **East Meck Open Houses**

#### **Academy of Engineering Information Sessions for Prospective Students**

In what class can you use Science, Math and Technology? East Meck's PLTW Engineering course brings Science, Math and Technology alive with project-based learning experiences. Parking available in the Student/Faculty lot on the Matthews side of the school. All sessions will take place in room 718.

#### Wednesday, January 28

7:15-8:30 a.m.

#### Thursday, February 5

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact AOE Coordinator Penny Ratchford at penny.ratchford@cms.k12.nc.us.

## IB Info Sessions are for parents and students wanting to learn more about the IB magnet program.

Parking available in the Student/Faculty lot on the Matthews side of the school.

All sessions will begin in the East Mecklenburg Media Center.

Contact IB Coordinator Heather LaJoie at heather.lajoie@cms.k12.nc.us if you have any questions.

Tuesday, January 13 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Thursday, January 22 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

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#### **Open Houses for Prospective Students**

Open Houses for prospective students will be held beginning in November. Please see below for times and locations. Contact Heather LaJoie at heather.lajoie@cms.k12.nc.us if you have any questions.

These sessions offer a chance to tour East Mecklenburg and meet students and staff during a regular school day. Parking is available in the bus lot at Conference Drive and Monroe Road. All tours begin in the East Mecklenburg Atrium at the front of the school.

Tuesday, January 27 noon-1 p.m.

Monday, February 2 7 p.m. -8 p.m.

Link up your VIC cards to support East Meck!

- Re-link your Harris Teeter VIC card to earn money for East. You can give it to a cashier or relink online. You can link to more than one!
  - o PTSO #1907
  - o IB #1102
  - o Culinary Arts #7037
  - o Art Boosters #6084
  - o Athletic Boosters #6153
  - o Band Boosters #5801
  - o Culinary Arts #7037
- Food Lion MVP #219127
- Office Depot #70060644
- **Target**: Go to <a href="https://givewith.target.com">https://givewith.target.com</a> and vote for East Mecklenburg. The school will receive a dollar for each vote we get!
- Make a direct donation to East Mecklenburg. Your donation is tax deductible! Checks can be made to EMHS PTSO and mailed to 6800 Monroe Road, Charlotte, NC 28212.

NOTE: Harris Teeter must be re-linked every year & you can link to more than one group.

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#### LINKS:

- CMS East Meck website <a href="http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/eastmecklenburgHS/">http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/eastmecklenburgHS/</a>
- East Meck IB www.eastmeckib.com
- East Meck PTSO <u>www.eastmeckeagles.com</u>
- Download the PTSO membership form by clicking <u>here</u>.
- Athletic Booster Club <u>www.emboosterclub.com</u> (Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/emboosterclub</u>)
- Art Booster Club www.freewebs.com/artboosters/
- Band Boosters http://emband.com/



East Meck PTSO e-mails are announcements from our staff, PTSO, and booster clubs. Staff, PTSO, and Booster Cub reps, please send announcements to Ellen Spence at <a href="mailto:emblueblast@gmail.com">emblueblast@gmail.com</a>.

Please feel free to forward this e-mail to others.

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