



BLUE BLAST

February 10, 2015

Important Dates

- Feb.18 - 2015/2016 Parent Course registration sessions 7:30 am or 6:30 pm**
 - Feb. 18 - PTSO General Meeting Wednesday Feb. 18 at 2:30 in the Media Center.**
 - Feb. 28 - FAFSA Day**
 - March 20 - Cap and Gown Pictures**
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2015-2016 Course Registration

EAST MECKLENBURG REGISTRATION PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Two sessions will be offered by the East Mecklenburg School Counselors on Wednesday February 18th, 2015 (7:30 AM or 6:30 PM) in the Media Center to help parents understand the registration procedure at East Mecklenburg.

Items Covered:

- Course Selection Timeline
- Graduation Requirements and Course Progression
- Course Selection Cards and ONLINE Course Selection
- To answer any and all questions concerning Registration

For more information please go to the School Counseling
Webpage <http://emcounseling.cmswiki.wikispaces.net/2015+-+2016+Course+Registration>. We look forward to seeing you on the 18th.

General PTSO MEETING

There will be a PTSO General Meeting Wednesday Feb. 18 at 2:30 in the Media Center. It will be held in conjunction with the February staff meeting. All PTSO members are invited.

Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear will be for sale in the cafeteria lobby during all 3 lunches on Friday Feb. 20th and again on Friday March 20th. Come & get your EAST Meck apparel before sizes start running out! Hoodies \$30, long sleeve tees \$18 & camo tees \$22, short sleeve tees \$15, magnets \$5, stickers \$3, key fobs \$2 plus much more to choose from. Cash, check or credit cards accepted. Checks made payable to EM Athletic Booster Club.

Yearbooks Still Available

Yearbooks are still available for pre-order online for \$75. If you are interested in having your copy of the yearbook personalized with your name or icons you must order by February 26th so the list can be submitted to Jostens.

FAFSA Day

Saturday, February 28, 2015

You will need to bring 2014 tax returns, Pin numbers (visit pin.ed.gov) and 2015-2016 FAFSA on the Web worksheet. Visit cfnc.org/fafsaday or call 866-866-CFNC for more information or to register and find a location near you.

Cap and Gown Pictures March 20th

On March 20th Lifetouch/Prestige Photography will return to campus for Cap & Gown pictures. For the cap and gown portraits there is not a sitting fee. Any student that would like a portrait can come down to be photographed even those that would like a retake. Packages start at \$55 and go up from there.

A schedule for those that hadn't taken cap & gown pictures yet will be announced closer to the date, and seniors interested in re-takes would sign up in the Media Center closer to the date too. It will be announced ahead of time.

Help Student Collect 1,000 New Toothbrushes

East Meck is working with El Camino Center to help "Pay it Forward." IB sophomore, Barbara Castro, works with the volunteer non-profit on a regular basis to help serve our city and has brought her work to the school. She has asked that we, as a school, participate in an effort to collect one thousand new toothbrushes for those in need. New toothbrushes should be brought to the main office or room 637 by Thursday February 12. Toothbrushes will be donated to the homeless shelter. Thank you for helping us "Pay it Forward!"

College Planning FREE workshop

The ABC's of College Planning, a FREE workshop for high school students & their parents, will take place on Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at Central Piedmont Community College - Central Campus. This program is sponsored by the Southern Association of College Admission Counseling, ACT, the College Board, and the National Society of High School Scholars. This FREE program will offer sessions that cover the college search process and the college application, factors that colleges consider in their evaluation, how to navigate a college fair, information on searching for scholarships and understanding financial aid, and the details concerning standardized test options. Please register at www.sacac.org and follow the link to "Mini Camp-College," where you will also find directions and additional information.

Career Center News

CPCC Outreach and Recruitment Center February Newsletter
www.cpcc.edu/outreach-recruitment

Independence Library

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 have a variety of programs for teens every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:30-3:30.

On February 18th at 2:30, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year as part of a Cultural Exploration Program. We will enjoy Chinese candy, watch videos of traditional Chinese New Year parades, and make paper dragons and lanterns. We hope you will join us for this or one of our other weekly programs. Please contact Britni Cherrington at bcherrington@cmlibrary.org or Noelle Culler at nculler@cmlibrary.org for more information or check out our event listings at <http://www.cmlibrary.org/programs/>. We are always ready and willing to provide you and your teen with educational support!

Join the East MECK PTO

EAST MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL PTSO MEMBERSHIP FORM



Thank you for supporting East Meck through your investment in the PTSO! All monies from dues or donations stay at East Mecklenburg High School for the development and success of the students and the support of teachers and staff.

Name(s): _____ Email: _____

All memberships: \$5.00/person

Total membership dues enclosed: \$ _____

Paid by: Cash _____ Check _____
 (Make checks payable to EMHS PTSO)

Soaring Eagles Fund donation: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Would you like to be notified of volunteer opportunities: _____
 Would you like to receive school news by email : _____

Please return payment and membership form to the PTSO box in the front office or mail 6800 Monroe Road, Charlotte 28212

Please visit our website at: eastmeckeagles.com

East Mecklenburg High School PTSO Mission:

East Mecklenburg High School Parent Teacher Student Organization (EMHS PTSO) is dedicated to the development and success of the students and the support of teachers and staff at East Mecklenburg High School. The goals of the organization are to foster a sense of community, facilitate communication, encourage volunteerism, provide resources, and advocate for the needs of the EMHS community.

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

Direct Donations to PTSO

Easier than selling wrapping paper or candy bars. All money benefits East Meck HS.



Donate by Check: [Click here to download](#) from the East Meck PTSO website.

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!
 - PTSO #1907
 - IB #1102
 - Culinary Arts #7037
 - Art Boosters #6084
 - Athletic Boosters #6153
 - Band Boosters #5801
 - Culinary Arts #7037
- **Food Lion MVP** #219127
- **Office Depot** #70060644
- **Target:** Go to <https://givewith.target.com> 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.

LINKS:

- CMS East Meck website - <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/eastmecklenburgHS/>

- East Meck IB - www.eastmeckib.com
 - East Meck PTSO - www.eastmeckeagles.com
 - Download the PTSO membership form by clicking [here](#).
 - Athletic Booster Club - www.emboosterclub.com (Facebook: www.facebook.com/emboosterclub)
 - Art Booster Club - www.freewebs.com/artboosters/
 - Band Boosters - <http://emband.com/>
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East Meck PTSO e-mails are announcements from our staff, PTSO, and booster clubs. Staff, PTSO, and Booster Club reps, please send announcements to Ellen Spence at emblueblast@gmail.com.

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

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