



BLUE BLAST

March 6th, 2015

Important Dates

March 9 - Concert Band

March 20 - Cap and Gown Pictures

March 20 - Spirit wear on sale during lunch

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.

Yearbooks

Online sales for the 2015 East Wind Yearbook will continue through Saturday, May 2nd. At that time all sales will be on campus and must be made in cash or by money order.

Starting March 7th the pre-sale order price of the yearbook will increase to \$80.

Seniors: If you want to participate in the make-up Cap & Gown portrait day on Friday, March 20th with

Prestige Photography you need to sign up for an appointment in the front office. There will be no sitting fee.

A Great Opportunity for our teachers and you can help!

This year, East Meck has embarked on a journey to become a globally integrated school. Working with an organization called Mothering Across Continents, a group of faculty has formed a Global Integration Steering Committee (GIST) and has begun implementing plans to make East more globally aware. Over this year, they have focused on the themes of food and sustainability and as part of their efforts they are embarking on a journey to Costa Rica in the summer to take part in a program focused on these themes. This trip will result in innovation and improvement within the classrooms at East Meck, as well as allowing the school to better prepare its student body for future trips abroad as part of the global move. There is a growing group faculty members who have expressed much interest in going. However, the cost of the trip is about \$2000, and for several faculty members, this is prohibitive. As a result, the GIST is looking for some families to join the global effort and sponsor a teacher. Any amount is welcome and appreciated. This is a great opportunity for East to come together as faculty, parents, and alumni and support an important movement at our school. If you are interested in sponsoring a teacher, there is information on the trip available to help you make an informed decision.

Please contact Jonathan Janus for information. Thank you.

Contact: jonathana.janus@cms.k12.nc.us

Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear will be for sale in the cafeteria lobby during all 3 lunches 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.

Career and College Promise

CPCC offers a dual enrollment program for qualified rising juniors and seniors. You can get a "jump-start" on a two-year degree while still in high school. And best of all, it is "FREE".

Visit www.cpcc.edu/hsprograms to learn more about the program or visit Ms. Rhinehart in the career center. Hurry registration will start soon.

CPCC College Placement Test

Seniors who plan on attending CPCC in the fall and still need to take the college placement test? Mark Wednesday, March 11th down to take the free placement test at East Meck. See Ms. Rhinehart in the career center to reserve your spot.

The Fast Track - Trade School Fair -

Saturday, March 14th from 2PM - 4PM at ImaginOn: The Joe and Joan Martin Center - 300 East Seventh Street, Charlotte, NC 28202, (704) 416-4600

Come explore the programs offered at the various trade schools in the Charlotte area. This event is perfect for teens and young adults thinking about taking the next step to acquire job-specific training and kick start a career. This event is for teens 12-18.

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.

Habitat for Humanity Summer Internship program

Explore a career in a construction related field, get hands on learning experience, and help your community this summer through a paid internship with Habitat for Humanity Charlotte ! Must be sixteen years old. See Ms. Rhinehart in the Career Center to learn how to apply.

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 March 9th from 2:30-5, we will be hosting the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Teen Tech Week kickoff at Independence Library. Teen Tech Week is when libraries make the time to showcase all of the great digital resources and services that are available to help teens succeed in school and prepare for college and 21st century careers. Come celebrate with the "Libraries are for Making..." theme during the entire week of March 8-14 with programs designed to give teens a change to have fun exploring and creating using innovative technologies. 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

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/>

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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