

East Wake High School

N E W S L E T T E R

March/April 2016

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students:

When you think of March Madness, you usually think of several weeks of great NCAA basketball. March Madness is not just a busy time for NCAA basketball players and coaches, it is also a busy time for the students and staff at EWHS. March signifies the end of third quarter, the beginning of spring sports, the spring play, mid-term exams, and the ACT. March is also the time of year when we begin planning for the next school year by selecting our courses.

With so many things to think about this month, it is easy to lose focus. Parental guidance is extremely important during busy times. Please make sure that you talk with your child nightly about life and school.

Stacey Alston Principal

SAT's offered at East Wake High School

The SAT will be offered at East Wake High School on the following dates: May 7 and June 4, 2016. For more information or to register please go to www.collegeboard.org.

Seussical Junior

East Wake High School is excited to present Seussical Jr on March 10, 11 & 12 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. Come join Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters. From the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat will narrate the story of Horton who works to protect a speck of dust containing the Whos and guard an



abandoned egg left behind by Mayzie La Bird. Through ridicule, danger, and a trial, Horton and Gertrude McFuzz never lose faith. Thursday's show will begin with a short performance by the chorus from Wendell Elementary School & Friday's will begin with the chorus from Zebulon Middle. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. You will not want to miss this show!!



March

- 10 | Spring Musical
- 11 | Spring Musical
- 12 | Mini Medical School
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- 13 | Mini Medical School
- 14 | Senior Parent Meeting
- 16 | NTHS Induction
- 23 | 3rd Quarter Ends
- 24 | Snow Make-up day
- 25 | Spring Break Begins

April

- 3 | Spring Break Ends
- 5 | PTSA Meeting
- 5 | Prom Ticket Sales begin
- 8 | Report Cards
- 14 | Beta Club Inductions
- 19 | Spring ASVAB test
- 22 | Rex Blood Drive
- 22 | Prom Ticket Sales End
- 25 | Snow Make-up day
- 28 | Stars in the East
- 29 | Prom

May

- 2-13 | AP Exams
- 2 | Dance Recital
- 3 | Dance Recital
- 4 | Dance Recital
- 5 | Dance Recital
- 5 | Cap & Gown Delivery
- 6 | Cap & Gown Delivery
- 7 | SAT offered @ EWHS
- 12 | Chorus Concert
- 19 | Band Concert
- 27 | Senior Awards Ceremony

June

- 2 | Graduation Practice
- 4 | SAT offered @ EWHS
- 5 | Baccalaureate
- 9 | Last Day of School
- 10 | Graduation

East Wake High School Hosts Mini Medical School

"This experience is life changing," a student excitedly exclaimed after her first evening of study with the mini medical school offered at East Wake High School by Wake Area Health Education Center, (AHEC).

East Wake High School is the first Wake County School to host the Wake AHEC mini medical school, an intense twoweekend series for high school students interested in pursuing a health care career. Through dissection, students



learn about anatomy and physiology. Model building helps students grasp biochemistry. Computer simulations and case studies guide the study of pharmacology, cardiology, epidemiology and medical genetics and genomics. Critical thinking is emphasized throughout every learning activity.



Wake AHEC is affiliated with the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers Programs at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill School of Medicine and provides educational programs and services for academic institutions and communities to improve the health of North Carolina people with a specific focus on underserved populations. East Wake High School's new career development coordinator, Katie Coble, was involved with Wake AHEC mini medical school in Johnston County and worked to bring the

program to East Wake High School. This program offers students who are pursuing the health science career pathway an additional opportunity to strengthen their interest and career goals. Fourteen students from East Wake High School and ten students from Rolesville High School are participating in the program. Their hard work will be capped off on March 12th with the presentation of lab coats and certificates of participation.

AP Exam Registration

Students may register **online** for their AP exams **until March 15**, 2016. Students may also register in the cafeteria during ALL lunches. After March 15, students must see Mr. Hines in Student Services to register. The **official registration deadline for all AP exams is March 23**, 2016. Students may register at https://www.totalregistration.net/ap/344260.

ASVAB Test Sign-up now

Students may now register to take the Spring ASVAB test set for April 19. Sign-up sheets are available in the cafeteria, Student Services, and outside Mrs. Coble's office (Room 2223D).

Important Senior Dates to Remember

Senior Parent Meeting - 3/14

Cap & Gown Pick-up -5/5 and 5/6

Senior Awards Ceremony – 5/27

Graduation Practice – 6/2

Baccalaureate Ceremony – 6/5

Graduation - 6/10

Senior Parent Meeting

A senior parent meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30 pm to discuss and plan upcoming senior events. The meeting will be held in the Media Center. Please



contact Jennifer Carnes, Senior Sponsor, if you have any questions.

Caps & Gowns Pick-Up in May

Caps and gowns are set to arrive in early May and should be picked up at the Concession Stand during lunch periods on May 5th and May 6th. If you have not ordered

your cap and gown please do so immediately online at www.highschool.herffjones.com.

Senior Awards Requested

Attention Seniors!! If you have received any scholarship offers from any college, university, fraternity, sorority, church, or community sponsors, please submit a copy of your award letter to Mr. Reginald Lowery in Student Services. Students who submit this information will be recognized at the Senior Awards Ceremony on May 27th.

Senior Dues

Seniors can pay their senior dues in the attendance office daily. They are now \$60 and will be required to be paid to attend future senior events and Prom.

Prom Set for April 29th

This year's prom will be held at Market Hall in Downtown Raleigh on Friday, April 27th from 8:00 pm until midnight. Tickets will go on sale on April 5th. All Junior and Senior prom-goers this year will be charged for tickets. Tickets will be \$40/person until April 18th and \$45/person after April 18th. All outside guests who do not attend East Wake High School must be approved prior to purchasing a ticket for the prom. A Guest Approval Form must be filled out and returned to Mrs. Newby. These forms can be picked up at the Front Office or Ms. Vaughan's office along with a Prom Rules of Conduct sheet.

East Wake Alumni Association Organizational Meeting

East Wake High School is looking to set up an Alumni Association. An organizational meeting will be held on April 7th in the school cafeteria at 7 pm. Please contact any East Wake High School graduates you may know to attend this meeting.

Registration Now Open for 2016-2017 Courses

Students may now register for the upcoming year by registering online from the school website. Go to www.wcpss.net/eastwakehs, click on the link to register online, and follow the prompts. Students will use PowerSchool to enter their course requests for the next school year. In order to access the online course registration, students must first login to the NCEdCloud account by entering your NCEdCloud username and password assigned by the school. When the course requests submission is successful, a screen with appear listing your course selections for the next school year. Click the printer icon at the top right of the screen to print a copy of the requested courses. Follow the instructions to print the list. If you have issues accessing PowerSchool, please see Mrs. Jackson in the Media Center. For questions or assistance with the course selection process, please contact your School Counselor.

**Please be advised that the following courses were inadvertently left off the courses being offered in Agriculture: Animal Science I and II, Horticulture I and II. Please see Ms. Harris or Mr. Dickens if you have questions.

East Wake Redesign Plan Unveiled

East Wake High School will undergo changes under a Redesign Plan that was recently unveiled at a presentation presented on February 22nd at Curriculum Night. The model is a work in progress and therefore there will be some aspects in the developmental stage and roadblocks, challenges, and unknowns along the way which we will face head on. Our school is committed to a five year plan. As an overview, our fundamental vision is for students who actively participate in the design of their learning called personalized learning. Our concept is broken into three major concepts: personalized instruction, personalized student advancement plan, and a personalized learning environment. So you are probably asking, what is personalization? Personalized learning is demonstrated by adapting to the learning needs of the student, connected to their learning preferences, and tailored to the specific interests of different learners. We will utilize flexible scheduling and college courses to meet the needs of our students. Students will have a personalized student advancement plan which will document a graduation plan, their developmental level, their learning style, interest inventory, and career inventories. The plan will be implemented in stages at our school. Watch for continued updates on this exciting change for our school and students!

Late Arrival, Early Dismissal & Tardy Policy Modified

Students who arrive to school after 7:35 a.m. must report directly to the Attendance office located down the hall from the Main office to receive a pass to class. All students will check out from the attendance office. Staff will sweep students into class each period daily. All student tardies will be documented and school consequences will be issued after the third tardy. Students will be assigned lunch detention the day after the tardy occurs. Students that do not serve their lunch detention will receive an escalated consequence. Students that receive more than one tardy in a school day may receive a consequence other than lunch detention. Lunch detention is held in the lobby of the cafeteria. Students begin each quarter with zero tardies. Parents can contact the Attendance office at 919-365-2649.

2015-16 East Wake High School Attendance Makeup Procedures

- 1. Students should begin to make up absences once they have accumulated five absences in a given class.
- 2. SAP Coordinator will contact parent/guardians of all students once they have missed five days of a given class. Parent conference may be scheduled as needed.
- 3. Students are expected to makeup all missed class work within three days of the absence (except in the case of multiple consecutive absences).
- 4. Students may only make up missed absences during regularly scheduled after school instructional labs. (Monday-Thursday)
- 5. Students that would like to make up time for missed absences will makeup one 90 minute period for each 45 minutes that they report to after school lab. (Lab begins at 2:30 and ends promptly at 4:45 Monday-Thursday). Students can make up a maximum of three absences per afternoon.
- 6. In order to make up an absence, the student must follow the procedure outlined below:
 - a. Student will contact teacher for class absence(s) to be made up at least one day prior to attending after school lab. Student will not be eligible to make up an absence without this first step being completed.
 - b. Teacher will gather any missed assignments (if any) that student will need to complete during after school lab.
 - c. Teacher will provide missed assignments (if any) and after school makeup time form (available on the EWHS shared google drive or in main office) to assigned department lab supervisor.
 - d. When student arrives to assigned lab to make up time for an absence, student will turn in their school makeup time form. Student will work on assigned work (if any) and return to the after school lab supervisor prior to the end of the lab period.
 - e. Lab supervisor will attach completed work (along with any notes on student performance, questions that weren't able to be answered, comments, etc...) to EWHS After School Makeup Time Form. Lab supervisor will sign form verifying student attendance and return form and work to teacher by the end of the following instructional day.
 - f. Teacher will keep made up work and submit EWHS After School Makeup Time Form to SAP Coordinator by the end of the following instructional day. SAP Coordinator will be responsible for converting made up time into absence recovery in PowerSchool.
 - g. Student who does not have any missed assignments/missing work will receive EWHS After School Makeup Time Form from teacher and turn in form to lab supervisor upon arrival to after school lab. Lab supervisor will record start/stop time on form and submit to SAP Coordinator by the end of the following instructional day. SAP Coordinator will be responsible for converting made up time into absence recovery in PowerSchool.