



The Rambler Report

The Quarterly Newsletter of Eastern Senior High School



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Rachel Skerritt, Principal

Entering the Home Stretch of Freshman Year!

We have one more marking period before summer, and there is much to celebrate. First, we'd like to thank you for partnering with us to ensure strong attendance and tremendous focus during the English and Biology DC-CAS exams. We look forward to sharing what we know will be very solid results from our scholars.

We also see students taking their studies more seriously, as is evidenced by higher attendance at Power Hour and greater productivity during that time. They understand that we have reached a point in the year where every assignment is critical. Eastern is also growing its number of key partnerships in service of rich out-of-school-time experiences as well as engaging electives for students in their sophomore year. Some of these new partners include Tutor Dudes, City Blossoms, Georgetown Law School, Mentors Inc., GW School of Journalism, and BUILD.

Though academics remain the primary focus as we continue to provide students with a college preparatory curriculum, we also manage to have quite a bit of fun! Perhaps your son/daughter has shared stories about our successful "dress down" day sponsored by Student Government, the faculty vs. student basketball game, our first annual Valentine's Day dance, and our inspiring Black History Month Assembly.

The enclosed report cards are a key indicator of whether your student may need to enroll in DCPS summer school. Please read the paperwork included in this mailing carefully, as we need the form signed by you and returned to our school counselor, Mrs. Wilson. Please stress to students that they should be working to earn course credit during the school year through increased effort in the fourth quarter, and not relying on summer school as an option.

At the bottom of the report card, you will also see your child's GPA. Please note that the Term 3 GPA (not the cumulative one) determines eligibility for sports and extra-curricular activities.

Thank you for your continued belief and support. Go Ramblers!

Dates to Remember

Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Meetings

Thursday, April 26 and Thursday, May 31; 6:00 - 7:30pm

Schoolwide College Tours

Thursday, April 26 (House) and Friday, April 27, 2012 (Senate)

"Building the Legacy" Day

Friday, May 4

9:30am-12pm: *Career Day*

12pm-1pm: *Honor Roll Luncheon*

1pm-2pm: *Legacy Class Tree Dedication Ceremony*

2pm-3:15pm: *Third Quarter Honor Roll / Recognition Assembly*

Teacher Appreciation Week

Monday, May 7- Friday, May 11

Fourth Quarter Midpoint

Thursday, May 10

8th Grade Registration Night

May 10, 5:30pm

In boundary families are invited to enroll for the upcoming school year. Deadline for registration is June 1.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday, May 14, 12pm-3pm; 4pm-7pm

No school for students. You are encouraged to bring your child for meetings with teachers and staff.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 28. *No School for Students, Faculty, or Staff*

Paced Interim Assessments

June 4- 5 (tentative)

Health and Medical Sciences Academy White Coat Ceremony

June 7 (Time and Location TBD)

Last Day of School

June 14. *½ Day for Students.*

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Congratulations to Our Honor Roll Scholars!

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (All As):

Curtis Ackwith • Christopher Baggotts • Rufus Denmon-Pena • Eugene Greene

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (As and Bs):

Donnell Adams • Rashad Arnold • Mia Brown • Juwan Cheeks • Kun Chen • Taylor Copeland • Tonay Denny • Micah Harrison • Aysha Hatcher • Demarco Hinson • Andre Holland • Mo Lam • KeAsiah McLaughlin • Roy Mellion • Jessica Swilley • Willette Oden

CUM LAUDE (One C):

Cyree Bethea • Lamont Brown • Nino Brown • Calvin Carter • Christian Coleman • Romzen McDonald • Simone Tucker • Darius Giles

Rambler Rumbblings

- **Ms. Olaiya**, World History teacher (House), was one of a handful of teachers selected nationwide into the World Affairs Council of Houston's International Travel for Teachers Program. She participated in a trip to Saudi Arabia which allowed for specified research and a scheduled course. Global trading systems, educational institutions, religion and modernity were the primary focus of this trip. The Islamic Golden Age and trade within the expansive Islamic Empire is the first standard in DC Curriculum for World History and Geography.
- Our **greenhouse and garden** are in bloom! We received a \$10,000 grant from the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) to start our school greenhouse and garden and have established a Greenhouse and Garden Club and planted flower, herb, and vegetable seeds. If you would like to get involved with the garden, please reach out to Ms. Osore (emma.osore@dc.gov).
- Eastern has a newly formed **Robotics Club**! We have partnered with **Uplift, Inc.** to bring robotics to interested students. They participated in a full day workshop at the **US Patent and Trademark Office** to design, build, and test out robots. Girls from the team also attended the OSSE Young Women's Conference on Non-Traditional Careers. Students returned to school fired up about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) careers!
- Our Spring 2012 sports are underway! Our **Baseball** team is now well into the second half of their season and currently hold a record of 4-5. Our **Outdoor Track and Field** team participated in two meets thus far and have made great showings at each meet. This year also marks the inaugural season of **Girls Flag Football** in the DCIAA! Our Lady Ramblers played their first game in a home opener on Friday, April 20, 2012 against Dunbar SHS. Although they were not victorious, the ladies made an impressive showing against the Crimson Tide. Lastly, our **Golf team** is scheduled to begin their season May 1st and **Tennis Club** will begin soon! Please place us on your agenda and come out and support Eastern Athletics!
- Congratulations to our band dancers and flags: They have been to a number of competitions this year and have smoked the competition in most categories. The band dancers recently won first place at the Mid-Atlantic Drum, Flag and Dance Competition!
- On Tuesday, April 24, Ms. Boccardi, Eastern's International Baccalaureate (IB) Coordinator, Mr. Molchany, and the DCPS IB Coordinator, Bob Smith, took interested students to the IB College Fair at The American University. This event normally reserved for junior and seniors in IB in the Mid-Atlantic Region, had a cohort of Eastern freshman who received an extra dose of exposure to IB and college!

