



The Rambler Report

The Quarterly Newsletter of Eastern Senior High School



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Class of 2015: Mid-Year Checkpoint

We have passed the halfway mark in the freshman year journey for the Class of 2015, and there is significant progress to report for many of our students! Most Eastern Ramblers improved their academic performance from Term 1 to Term 2. You will notice that Grade Point Averages (GPAs) have been included on your child's report card for Term 1 and Term 2. This is a quick way to assess whether his/her overall performance has gone up or down. The cumulative GPA only includes the classes that they have already completed for the year, such as Art, Music, and Physical Education. **The Term 2 GPA is what determines whether students are eligible for athletics and extra-curricular activities.** They must have a 2.0 GPA, or "C" average.

Every student, regardless of their performance should be proud of improvements but still pushed to achieve even more. Families play a vital role in helping to create and sustain a positive learning environment. Thank you for your ongoing support around our uniform policy and community expectations. **Here are some key messages that you can continue to reinforce along with us to your son/daughter:**

- It's difficult to be a scholar without materials. Students should have backpacks with their necessary books and supplies in each class.
- Teachers and staff have their best interest at heart. Their instructions and requests should be heeded at all times.
- There is academic language for school, and it does not include profanity or insults.
- Uniforms reduce distraction and promote an academic environment. Students must be in full uniform every day.
- Students should not try to solve their own challenges with peers. Adults must be told as soon as there is a concern.
- Students should respect themselves and the entire Eastern community, as well as the school building itself.

We are committed to the ESHS values of Excellence, Scholarship, Honor, and Service, and believe that families are our most valued partners in this endeavor. We strive to be responsive to your concerns and to implement your innovative ideas. To find out how you can get more involved, please call us at 202-698-4500 and ask to speak with Mr. Ricardo O. Neal, Parent Coordinator.

Lastly, it is already time to start thinking about welcoming a new class of freshmen to Eastern next year! If you know highly motivated 8th grade students who would appreciate the rigor and high expectations at Eastern, please encourage families to enter the online out-of-boundary lottery, which is taking place now through February 27th. Visit dcps.dc.gov for more details.

Dates to Remember

Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, February 6. from 12pm - 3pm or 4pm - 7pm
No School for Students. Families welcome. Please bring your student.

Prospective Student Open House for 8th Grade Families

Monday, February 6, 5:30pm-6:30pm

Second Quarter Honor Roll Assembly

Friday, February 10, 2-3:15pm. *Families welcome.*

Valentine's Day Dance

Friday, February 10, 6:30-9pm. *Tickets \$5. Eastern students only.*

Parent Teacher Student Association Monthly Meetings

Thursdays, February 23 and March 29, 6-7:30pm

Snow Tubing Honor Roll Field Trip to Wisp Ski Resort

Friday, February 24 8am-6pm

Black History Month Assembly

Wednesday, February 28

Schoolwide STD Screenings by DC Department of Health

February 29 and March 1. *Please see enclosed letter for more information. These are scheduled at every high school in DC.*

Paced Interim Assessments in English and Math

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 13 and 14

No School

Monday, February 20: *Presidents Day*

Friday, March 23: *Teacher Professional Development*

Midpoint for Third Marking Period

Friday, February 24

Progress Reports Mailed

Thursday, March 1

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Congratulations to Our Honor Roll Scholars!

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (All As):

Eugene Greene

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (As and Bs):

Curtis Ackwith • Donnell Adams • Christopher Baggotts • Donnetta Blackmone • Mia Brown • Nino Brown • Kun Chen • Taylor Copeland • Rufus Denmon-Pena • Tonay Denny • Demarco Hinson • Mo Lam • KeAsiah McLaughlin • Roy Mellion • Daris Morton • Alaya Nettles • Willette Oden

CUM LAUDE (One C):

Oluwakemi Adewale • Rashad Arnold • Lamont Brown • Jordan Campbell • Calvin Carter • Reginald Chandler • Juwan Cheeks • Mahni Clarke-Hellams • Dajuan Greene • Micah Harrison • Eric Hilliard • Andre Holland • Romzen McDonald • Bridget Shiel • Jessica Swilley

Rambler Rumblings

- November 16 marked our **first honor roll assembly**. Over 70 students were recognized for being on the honor roll, most improved, having perfect attendance and displaying the Eastern Attitude. There was also a family honor roll reception, and students took an all-day horseback riding excursion!
- Thank you to all who supported our canned food drive at the Turkey Bowl. We collected 100 cans and \$100 to donate to the **Capital Area Food Bank**.
- On November 28, we received a generous donation of 16 classroom libraries and shelving units from our partners at **Companies for Causes**. The high interest, varied level books have been used during our weekly Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) time during Advisory.
- On December 10, students in **Ms. Good and Mr. Reing's** English classes performed Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Lansburgh Theatre. There was standing room only as family members, staff, and friends cheered for students.
- Parents are now able to check student grades online! The Parent Assistant was launched on December 15th at the request of the parents in the **PTSA**. If you are a parent or guardian and would like to access, contact Mr. Ricardo Neal, Parent Coordinator at (202) 698-4500.
- Faculty and students sang songs, performed original raps, played instruments, and danced during our **first holiday assembly**. Many laughs and cheers were had, leaving 2011 on a high note. Check our Facebook page for a video clip!
- After students returned from winter break we unveiled the new "**Rambler Rewards**" incentive system. Students work to earn stamps by displaying their "Eastern Attitude" and can redeem completely stamped cards for prizes at different levels. If you have prize items you would like to donate (gift/discount cards, movie tickets, event passes, etc.) please reach out to Ms. Emma Osore, Coordinator of School Affairs at (202) 698-4500.
- **Winter sports** are underway! If you have not been to a boys or girls basketball game, girls bowling match, or track meet, don't put it off any longer. Our boy's basketball team is playing the varsity circuit this season, and you wouldn't want to miss one of their wins.
- We are excited about generating teams for **spring sports**! If your student is interested in outdoor track, club golf, baseball, softball or club tennis, please have them see Mr. Dempsey, Eastern's athletic director.
- The results are in! The newly elected **Student Government Association** slate is as follows: **Anthony Broadus**, President; **Mahni Clarke-Hellams**, Vice President; **Donnetta Blackmone**, Secretary of State; **Taia Haskins**, Treasurer; **Najee' Jones**, "House" Leader; **Jaleel Brooks**, "House" Attorney General; **Eric Hilliard**, "Senate" Leader; **Roy Mellion**, "Senate" Attorney General and Delegates **Martinay Butler**, **Jaykee Green**, **Channing Hames**, and **Ayonna Petty**.

