



# The Rambler Report

The Quarterly Newsletter of Eastern Senior High School



November 2011

## Class of 2015: Climate Check

The first marking period is a time to reflect on what we are doing well at Eastern Senior High School (ESHS) and what we need to improve upon in our effort to promote a college preparatory environment where all students achieve at high levels. During the first few months of school, many students have made a successful transition to the expectations of high school and the high standards at Eastern. Our extra-curricular activities are thriving and our teachers are providing rigorous instruction in classrooms. Some students are still adjusting to the increased independence, greater workload, and study/organizational skills required to earn strong grades. Also, there are disruptive behaviors from students that are impacting their ability to succeed academically. These behaviors are also negatively impacting our school climate as a whole.

The entire faculty and staff at ESHS are committed to improving student performance and re-launching Eastern's proud legacy. We are not satisfied with the report card grades from the first marking period and look forward to working with students and families to address these challenges. We have initiated several strategies to reduce disruptive behavior, including gender specific dining, sharing concerns with the PTSA, and launching our Student Government process. More serious incidents are addressed with the firmest possible standards according to Chapter 25, the code of discipline for DCPS.

Families play a vital role in helping to create and sustain a positive learning environment. **Here are some key messages that you can 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. 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.

## Dates to Remember

### First Quarter Honor Roll Assembly

Wednesday, November 16, 2-3:15pm: *Families welcomed.*

### Parent Teacher Student Association Monthly Meetings

Thursdays, November 17 and December 15, 6-7:30pm

### Thanksgiving Canned Food and Shoe Drive Ends

Friday, November 18: *Send cans and new/used shoes!*

### Impact Aid & Updated Contact Information Forms Due

Monday, November 21 (forms enclosed with this mailing)  
*Please complete the Impact Aid form; this is critical to receiving our federal funding dollars. Also, to ensure you have the latest Eastern information, please complete the updated contact information sheet only if your information has changed since registration or if you'd like to add more emergency contacts. Students can return both forms to the main office no later than November 21.*

### Paced Interim Assessments in English and Math

Monday and Tuesday, November 21 and 22

### No School

Thursday, November 24 and 25: *Thanksgiving*

Friday, December 2: *Teacher Professional Development*

### Midpoint for Second Marking Period

Tuesday, December 6

### Progress Reports Mailed

Week of December 12

### Much Ado About Nothing Upcoming Dates

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 6 & 7

*Ms. Good's Class Dress Rehearsal*

Thursday and Friday, December 8 & 9

*Mr. Reing's Class Dress Rehearsal*

Saturday, December 10

*Student Performance @ the Lansburgh Theatre*

Thursday, December 15

*All School Trip to Professional Performance*

### Winter Break

Dec. 22 - Jan. 2 (No school for students and teachers)

# Congratulations to Our Honor Roll Scholars!

## SUMMA CUM LAUDE (All As):

KeAsiah McLaughlin

## MAGNA CUM LAUDE (As and Bs):

Curtis Ackwith • Rashad Arnold • Christopher Baggots • Mia Brown • Kun Chen • Taylor Copeland • Rufus Denmon-Pena • Davonya Flythe • Eugene Green • Channing Hames • Demarco Hinson • Andre Holland • Mo Lam • Bridget Shiel • Jessica Swilley • Simone Tucker

## CUM LAUDE (One C):

Donnell Adams • Jordan Campbell • Calvin Carter • Mahni Clarke-Hellams • Micah Harrison • Romzen McDonald • Roy Mellion • Daris Morton • Fatimah Sumpter

## Rambler Rumblings

- On Monday, August 22nd, Eastern's legacy class stepped through the doors for their first official day as high school students. Students and PTSA members welcomed a number of special visitors, including U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Mayor Vincent Gray, DCPS Chancellor Kaya Henderson, State Superintendent of Education Hosanna Mahaley, Ward 6 Council Member Tommy Wells, and along with many other honored guests.
- On Friday, October 14th, The Eastern High School Alumni Association of DC (EHSAA) inducted officers for their re-launched organization. Congratulations to the new EHSAA Executive Officers: President- James Preston, Sr., '65; Vice President- Tamika Tillman, '93; Assistant VP for Alumni Communications- Tamikka Scott, '91; Assistant VP for Alumni Activities & Fundraising- Carolyn Robinson, '66; Secretary- Tenia Pritchard, '93; Treasurer- Cynthia Howell, '78. If you are interested in learning more about the most recent EHSAA events, please contact James Preston ([prestonjw1@aol.com](mailto:prestonjw1@aol.com)).
- Students enrolled in the Health and Medical Sciences Academy are now ready to save lives! They were trained and certified in CPR and First Aid on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. (Pictured at right: students learn CPR)
- Congratulations to our football and volleyball teams for developing as athletes this season and coming together to represent our first Rambler teams! (Pictured at right: the volleyball team during a home game)
- Congrats to the Eastern Ramblers Special Olympics Team who won the gold medal in the three on three basketball tournament!
- The Blue and White Marching Machine, Eastern's school band, ended the marking period earning top honors at the Mid-Eastern Regional Battle of the Bands hosted by Bowie State University on Sunday, November 6th. We took third place in marching and music, the percussion section came in second place and the band dancers and flag team took home the gold with first place performances! "The Machine" can't be stopped! (Pictured at right: the flag team with their first place trophy).
- The Shakespeare Theatre Company has been working with Mr. Reing and Ms. Good's English classes in the first semester to learn Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. Each class will perform one scene from the text. Students will act, design costumes/sets for, produce, and essentially direct one scene of the show on a professional stage. Please see the "Dates to Remember" section of this newsletter for more details. (Pictured at right: students review their lines in class)

