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From The Desk of Mr. Chambers

Hello to all-

It is amazing how quickly Spring has come upon us – our Sophomores and Freshmen are presently in the midst of CAPT and pre-CAPT, respectively. All is going very well and the students are coming to school cooperative and prepared for the testing.

Our student groups have been very busy in the last month. Kids ‘n Critters has presented their program during an onsite “field trip” to a Glastonbury Brownie Troop to assist them in attaining an environmental badge that focuses on animals and their habitats.

The Spanish Club held a fundraiser where teams of students participated in a Dodgeball Tournament on March 14th in the gymnasium. This fundraiser raised monies for club activities, yearbook costs - the Club will also be making a donation to EWHS’s Student Assistance Fund. On April 14th, the high school will be hosting Shakesperience, a Shakespeare Interactive Workshop, sponsored by our English Department.

Mr. Harrigan, together with Mr. Howes and Mr. Pica-Sneeden took a group of students to Hartford for “A Day on the Hill”, a legislative network program at the Bushnell. The executive boards of the Junior and Senior classes, together with officers of Student Council and the National Honor Society, met with CT State legislators and other students from the State. This program is sponsored by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education.

A very entertaining and fun-filled event is coming up on April 1st at 7pm – Mr. East Windsor. As most know, this is a fundraising event where our senior boys compete for the title of Mr. East Windsor in a spoof-beauty pageant format. This year, 16 senior boys accompanied by 16 senior girls will compete with hosts Alisha Griswold and Kellie Moore, providing what is sure to be an evening filled with music, dancing and laughter. This event is sponsored by Graduate and Celebrate and choreographed and produced by Sharon Orefice, Guidance Counselor, to raise funds for the senior evening after graduation.

A wonderful and exciting change has taken place with our student play this year. On April 12th and 13th, our Drama Dept. will put on a **dinner** theater performance of *Check, Please!* - a comedy about a series of blind dates which take place at an Italian restaurant. Dinner will be prepared and served by Drama Dept. advisors and students. After dinner, all will proceed into the auditorium for the play performance. Please come out and support these hard working individuals.

Attached to this newsletter is a form for nominations to the Alumni Hall of Fame. Nominees must have been graduates of East Windsor High School in the classes of 1956 through 2007 (current seniors will not be eligible until 2009), current residents of East Windsor, will have demonstrated service to the school and/or community and have personal traits which exemplify the spirit of East Windsor. Please send in your nomination forms no later than May 16, 2008. This person will be recognized at an end of the year event.

Attention all Senior Parents

Recently, I was approached by two senior girls who wanted to put together something special for their class. As a result, a first of its kind ‘Seniors Only’ event will be taking place at East Windsor High School sometime during the month of June which will resemble something similar to a beach party! This event will include a barbeque, volleyball, wiffleball, Frisbee, Slip ‘N Slide, to only mention a few activities. Contests will be held and prizes given to all participating students. Raffles will be held for gifts of items that seniors would take to college with them. Calling all parents of seniors: This event will be discussed at a meeting of all senior parents on April 9th at the next Let’s Talk meeting. We need your assistance in making this event a successful get together for our kids!!!

Hope you are enjoying the wonderful longer days as we head into Daylight Savings Time. Please join me at the next Let’s Talk on April 9th at 6pm in the high school Cafeteria and, as I mentioned above, this will be a very important meeting for senior parents to attend.

Enrichment Workshops A Success

Ms. Reid's "Learn More" workshops continued in the month of March. Designed to give the students an enriched knowledge of interdisciplinary topics, the "Learn More" series began last fall with a presentation on Pocahontas. On March 13, the series continued with an after school workshop presented by Ms. Reid and Mr. Gelbar called "Women's Suffrage: The Battle for Equal Voting Rights". The multimedia presentation, created by Mr. Gelbar, featured

clips from the 2004 film "Iron Jawed Angels" starring Hillary Swank, interspersed with actual photographs of the events depicted in the film. Thirty students from all grade levels attended and participated in a fascinating discussion on the topic of equal rights in America. The next workshop in the series, "Women in Government", a talk by Mrs. Herbst, is scheduled for March 27 and looks to be a fascinating lecture. See Ms. Reid for details.

Kids N' Critters News

Kids n Critters has been working hard during CAPT to set up new habitats that are environmentally appropriate for the animals. This is especially evident in the uromastix and Ackie lizard cages. It is fun to watch these little lizards rearranging their habitats and enjoying their "new" digs.

On March 4th, Kids n Critters hosted an onsite "field trip" for a Glastonbury Brownie Troop. The girls were working on an environmental

badge that focuses on animals and their habitats. Eight of our club members showed about 30 animals, describing where the animals come from, how we care for them and how each animal's skin color gives hints about where the animal lives. The Brownie leaders have told us that the girls loved the experience and we were able to see the girls receive their badges.

Mathlete of the Month

The Math Department at East Windsor High School is proud to announce our Mathletes of the Month. These students have shown consistently fabulous performance, or may have demonstrated recent improvement and/or newfound dedication toward the goal of learning

mathematics. Mr. Nahas chose Elizabeth Guilbe. Mrs. Corricelli has nominated Sarah Betz. Mrs. Lajoie named Lance Norman and Nick Parker. Mr. Pastick has nominated Rick Buckland. Mrs. Wilson selected Matt Kessler, Chelsee Parker, and Robert Strickland.

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On Friday, February 8th, the Renaissance Club students celebrated their second quarter achievements with a pizza party. Renaissance Club members are students who have attained honor roll status in addition to having an excellent discipline record. Renaissance cards, which provide discounts to area businesses, were issued during the luncheon. The cards are valid until April 18, 2008, when new cards will be reissued during an ice cream social.

After having their pizza, students participated in a teacup raffle. The prizes ranged from tickets to school events (thanks to Graduate & Celebrate), movie passes and memory sticks. All in all, a good time was had by the students and faculty members able to attend the luncheon. If you know of an area business willing to extend discounts to our students or would be able to donate a gift for the raffle please email Kathy Kloter at kkloter@ewindsor.k12.ct.us.

2008 Girls Track and Field

The Girls Track and Field season is off and running, literally. This year's team is lead by veteran seniors, Alison Baker, Tarah Halloran, Laura McHugh and Lindsey Nelson. We have more than 25 enthusiastic and promising athletes working hard to prepare for a competitive season. We are fortunate this year to have Mrs. Broadnax joining the coaching staff. She is a welcome addition and brings experience as a jumper and as a relay runner. Already she has made a significant impact and the team is excited about her presence and coaching. The boys and girls team will be selling frozen cookies again as our team fundraiser, if you get the chance please support the program. The outdoor track season runs in to mid-

May with contests nearly every week and 4 home meets. The team schedule is available online and is published in team literature. Please come out to see our girls compete this season, support our athletes. The coaching staff is also seeking event judges and officials for our home meets. Any staff member or community member that has some experience and the interest should contact Coach Masters or Coach Croft at the High School. Judges and officials receive a per diem compensation from the Athletic Department. We're getting started on the right foot, check us out at the finish line!

Mark your calendars for these Graduate and Celebrate Upcoming Events

**Find out who will be the next Mr. East Windsor!!!!
Tuesday April 1st - 7 PM - EWHS Auditorium
Tickets: \$5.00 in advance, \$ 7.00 at the door**

**Tag Sale
Saturday, April 5th 8am-1pm EWHS cafeteria**

**Bring your donated tag sale items to school between 4pm-7pm on Friday, April 4th
or call**

**Teri St. Germain at 627-8666 for pick-up.
Parent & student help needed for pricing on Friday 4pm-7pm and helping
customers at tag sale on Saturday**

Renaissance Club

Kathy Kloter – Renaissance Advisor