



# East Wake Academy SST Newsletter

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## EWA Student Services Team Wishes You a Fun and Safe Summer Trackout!



Mrs. Bharwani, Middle School Counselor  
Mrs. Cracchiolo, K4 Social Worker  
Mrs. Dove, K-12 Nurse  
Mrs. Eddins, College and Career Coordinator  
Mr. Holloman, High School Counselor



Deborah Long of the Chapel Hill-Durham **Holocaust Speakers Bureau** spoke to **6th-8th grade** EWA students on April 7th. Deborah is the daughter of two Holocaust survivors and she told her parents' stories. Students learned about an important **historical event** from personal experience, as well as the **importance of kindness, acceptance, and standing up for justice**. They were attentive, respectful, and asked some great questions.

### EWA Has Character!

Every month, Middle School is focusing on a different **character** trait. Posters and announcements are made to encourage students. At end of the month, each grade level selects one student who went above and beyond — **students are recognized** and given prizes.

### Middle School Character Award Recipients of the Month

- March: **Self-Discipline**
- 5th: Andrea Lamm
- 6th: Allison Hammitt
- 7th: Hannah Howell
- 8th: Autumn Biggie
  
- April: **Good Judgement**
- 5th: Phillip Hoffman
- 6th: Macon Shoemaker
- 7th: Autumn Nelms
- 8th: Katie Tobin
  
- May: **All Around Great Character**
- 5th: Collin Rourke
- 6th: Jackson Pate
- 7th: Kaitlyn Etheridge
- 8th: Hillary McCullough

- EWA Class of 2014**  
**Post-Secondary Admissions**  
 Appalachian State University  
 Barton College  
 Campbell University  
 Chowan University  
 East Carolina University  
 Elizabeth City State University  
 Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising  
 Fayetteville State University  
 Ferrum College  
 Florida State University  
 Gardner Webb University  
 George Mason University  
 High Point University  
 Hofstra University  
 Ingredients Dance Training Program  
 Lasell College  
 Lees McRae College  
 Livingstone College  
 Mars Hill University  
 Mercer University  
 Meredith College  
 Mitchell's Hair Styling Academy  
 North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University  
 North Carolina State University  
 Penn State University  
 Pfeiffer University  
 Pitt Community College  
 Shaw University  
 United States Marines  
 The University of North Carolina at Asheville  
 The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
 The University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
 The University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
 The University of North Carolina at Pembroke  
 The University of North Carolina at Wilmington  
 Wake Technical Community College  
 Western Carolina University  
 William Peace University  
 Wingate University  
**CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!**  
**BEST WISHES!**

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## Mrs. Cracchiolo's Updates

Mrs. Cracchiolo has been busy with EOG testing these last few weeks of school. She has also been wrapping up the year with Section 504 meetings and Student Support and Intervention Team, as well as collaborating with the School Improvement Team. Mrs. Cracchiolo continues to have **daily Check In Check Outs** with students and to do student behavior goals throughout K4 Academy. She has been meeting with students twice a week at "**Lunch Bunch**", where students eat lunch with her and work on topics such as goal setting and self-confidence.

Mrs. Cracchiolo's **son will be graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade** and becoming a freshman at EWA Senior Academy. She is having a hard time wrapping her mind around that fact. Over summer break, she will be spending time with her family at **the beach**, something she is very excited about!



**Photos from Career Day for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students (March 14<sup>th</sup>)**

Speakers included a Crime Scene Investigator, a Dentist, a Food Industry President/CEO, a Nurse, a Science Writer and Editor, a Sign Language Interpreter, Speech/Language Pathologist, and a Teacher.

## Mrs. Bharwani's Presentations, Tours, and Summer Plans

Mrs. Bharwani presented to a class of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students and two classes of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students on topic of **bullying**. Before her visit, teacher had students draw two 'classmates' on a large piece of paper, as well as give them names and personalities. During the presentations, **students learned** the definition of bullying, types, sounds/looks like of bullying, and they did an activity in which they put down their new 'classmates' by saying mean things. Each time one said something mean, Mrs. Bharwani ripped the large piece of paper to show the **impact bullying has on individuals**. Class members then gave their 'classmates' **compliments** and Mrs. Bharwani taped up the rips. Class then **discussed the activity**; they also signed a **pledge stating that they would not put down or bullying anyone**. The pledge is posted along with their 'classmates' in classrooms.

During **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Poetry Day**, Mrs. Bharwani read students two of her **favorite poems**. One was from her childhood and in her native language, which was a **unique experience** for the students listening.

**Who IS Mrs. Bharwani?**  
Ms. Ferhatović got married over spring trackout and will be changing her last name to Bharwani over the summer. Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade students already had some practice with the new name, but it will be a challenge for the higher grades, staff, and parents, who have learned and practiced Ferhatović for the past three years. She will answer to both, however!

Mrs. Bharwani was busy the last few weeks administering and proctoring **EOGs**. She also got to take part in **6<sup>th</sup> Grade EOG Bootcamp** by leading the Math Monopoly and Minute To Win It activities created by Mrs. Durdin. Students got points for correct answers. **They learned a lot and had fun**. At the end, teachers tallied their scores and top scoring students won prizes.

Mrs. Bharwani plans to take it easy this summer. She will **do things around the house and relax**. The highlight of her summer will be visiting national parks in Utah and seeing her baby nephew in Virginia.

**4<sup>th</sup> grade students met their 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers** and middle school staff, visited **classrooms**, and checked out the vending machines and **lockers**. Each core teacher gave a short presentation about herself and her subject. Mrs. Bharwani showed students different parts of middle school campus and they peeked into electives classes and met electives teachers.

**Parents also took part in a similar tour after school**. Check out the following data from the parent survey of this event.

**82% were very satisfied with this event**

18% were somewhat satisfied with this event

**100% agreed that this event should be held again next year for 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents**

**Positives listed by parents are highlighted below.**

The main improvement for next year is to allow **extended time** for the session with electives teachers, lockers, and building. **Other topics** parents noted, such as extra-curricular activities, discipline, locker assignments, and curriculum, **will be covered** in a more detailed presentation by 5<sup>th</sup> grade team at beginning of next school year.

**"Love that the teachers communicate about their homework and the kids know everyday in home room."**

**"All of the staff was so positive and understanding."**

**"Being able to get a feel for the atmosphere and staff prior to the summer break was nice."**

**"helpful to see the physical location of where our children will be; to see who will be teaching our children; to gain some idea of their schedule; to see where they are relative to the older middle school students and the administrators; to learn some about the curriculum and expectations."**

Please visit Mrs. Bharwani's site, [www.msferhatovic.weebly.com](http://www.msferhatovic.weebly.com), for more information and resources!

## Mr. Holloman Meets with 8th Grade Students 1:1

Mr. Holloman met one on one with every 8<sup>th</sup> grade student to discuss high school transition. Students had already heard a panel of high school students talk and they toured the school. Mr. Holloman talked to students about **high school transcripts, online classes, tests (PLAN, PSATs, SATs, ACTs), and differences between middle and high school.** He showed them their transcript and watched their

reactions as they realized it is a blank piece of paper that they get to create for the next four years. He described being in high school as a **business arrangement, which is to prepare students for college.** Students asked questions about classes, schedules, and discussed their future college and career plans. Mr. Holloman concluded meetings with a **handshake and a “Welcome to High School!”** He

is positive that this class will ‘hit the ground running’ come July. **Special thanks to Coaches Eason and Simmons** for allowing students to meet during their PE and health classes.



## SST Welcomes Mrs. Eddins, EWA’s New College and Career Coordinator



Mrs. Eddins has been a **high school English teacher for 12 years** and taught senior English here at EWA for 5 years. She resigned in October to work part-time, but when the College and Career Coordinator position became available, she took advantage of an exciting opportunity. **She still wanted to work with students and help them prepare for college; she just needed a new perspective.**

Mrs. Eddins has **three daughters**; Harris is graduating and headed to UNCW in the fall; Candace is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and looking forward to middle school; Gracie is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and can’t wait to be upstairs in the elementary building. Her husband, Jeff, works in banking, and the family lives in Knightdale.

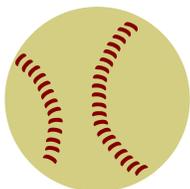
She looks forward to **working with all of the parents and students at EWA** and hope to help educate everyone regarding what it takes to **be prepared for and accepted to college.** College Preparedness is the goal of EWA, and it is her job to make sure our **students and parents understand how they can make college a reality.**

Mrs. Eddins: “In the high school, we have been working diligently to plan events such as the **Senior Breakfast, the Awards Ceremony, and the Graduation Ceremony.** This year’s seniors have been accepted to over **35 colleges and universities**, including NC State, UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Wilmington, Florida State, Clemson, Penn State, and a multitude of additional schools (see cover page of the newsletter for a complete list). **We are so proud of their efforts and know they will find success in the future.**

In addition, we said **goodbye to Mr. Darrell Johnson** as he left EWA after nearly a decade to be an Education Consultant for the Office of Charter Schools. We are excited that **he will return to be the keynote speaker** at graduation, which promises to be a special event.

We have also been working on **student schedules for next year** and are looking forward to the future. We will offer **more AP classes than ever before and will continue preparing students for college and career.** We don’t know yet who our new principal will be, but the High School Leadership Team has been interviewing worthy candidates, and we are optimistic that we will begin the 2014-2015 year with an exemplary new leader.”

## Nurse Dove’s Updates and Exciting News



Nurse Sami Dove has stayed busy handling **routine medications**, as well as day to day medical/health situations and emergencies. She finished her second year as **the assistant coach for MS girls softball team.** They finished **2nd** in the tournament.

Other exciting news in Nurse Dove’s life is that she is **expecting a baby girl in September.** Her summer plans include finishing up the baby’s nursery and going to Florida for a week.

