Dear Hornets,

We are now officially half way through the 2015-16 school year with the first semester behind us. With the month of February here, we need to ensure that our students put “heart” into the second half of the school year, because it will be over before you know it! Please be sure that they are taking advantage of extra help opportunities given by their instructors.

Please remember to keep in contact with your son or daughter’s teachers regularly by logging onto the Home Access Center (HAC). There you can see how well your student is progressing in school. You can also have your student log into Schoology, our online class vehicle. There, instructors post assignments and students post completed assignments.

Please be sure that we have your correct contact information so that you will receive broadcasted telephone messages from the school to alert you to things that arise in school including days off due to inclement weather.

Sincerely,

Evelyn A. Edney, Ed.D., Principal

Yearbooks are on sale for $30. Please contact Mrs. Savage at dara.savage@echs.k12.de.us if you are interested in purchasing one!
Above: Students wrote an essay to become Principal-of-a-Day. The winner is Kelsey Zeitler (left) and the Runner-up is Destiny King (Right). The two were announced at the Winter Pep Rally on Friday, January 22, 2016.

Below: Chorus Director, Devin Mercer, was on the Wheel-of-Fortune show that aired on Friday, January 22, 2016.
Academic Top 10 for 1st Semester 2015

Grade 9
1. Ian McKelligan
2. Ester Abiona
3. Kelsey Zeitler
4. Eli Ahamadjie
5. Williatte Snorton
6. Eno Abrefa
7. Muhammad Salahudin
8. Matthew Ward
9. Thalia Lewis
10. Taylor Gillis-Hammmond

Grade 10
1. Giselle Lewis
2. Willow Bowen
3. Gavin McNatt
4. Chrissy Malone
5. Dara Salako
6. Suhey Matamoros
7. Tiana Anderson
8. Destiny King
9. Trinity Lawrence
10. Aja Brown
The winter sports teams made their debuts during the month of January. The Boys Basketball Team won its first game in the St. Thomas More Academy Martin Luther King Jr. Tournament on January 16th and played in the championship game to fall to the host team. The Girls Basketball Team lost in its inaugural game to Tall Oaks Academy on January 19th. The Cheerleading Squad was incredible with their rousing spirit!
Basketball Teams

Girls Basketball Team
- Rakira Dukes
- Olivia Libby
- Taylor Gillis
- Chyonne Harris
- Coach Young
- Zaria Moore
- Imani Blake
- Zaria Griffith
- Manager
  - Tejonna Johnson-Moore
- Missing:
  - Angelica Malone
  - Diane Ozturk

Boys Basketball Team
- Wanye’ Williams
- Cayron Jones
- Messiah White
- Michael Taylor
- Kaysair Murphy-Hall
- Jaylen Echols
- Zack Juraka
- Jordan Hinamon
- Elijah Wallace-Bryant
- Daniel London
- Justin Hayes
- Zach Bernard
- Isaiah Patterson
- Coach Grimm
- Missing:
  - Coach Echols
  - Manager: Kyia Pierce
Winter Pep Rally

The Winter Pep Rally took place on Friday, January 22, 2016. The band and chorus, dance team, step team, and cheerleaders performed for the crowd and were magnificent! The girls and boys basketball teams were introduced as they play in their inaugural season.

Awards were given to several students. Both Jordan Hinmon and Olivia Libby were honored for making the first points ever on the basketball teams. The current Top 10 Academic Students in each class were honored! And the Principal-for-a-Day Contest winner, Kelsey Zeitler, was announced.
## February 2016 Calendar

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| 1   | Basketball @ Dover HS  
4:00p.m., Girls; 5:15 p.m. Boys | 2   | Basketball @ Caravel  
3:45 p.m. Girls | 3   | Basketball @ Caravel  
3:45 p.m. Girls | 4   | Girls Basketball  
4:00 p.m. Polytech | 5   | 6   |
| 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  |
| 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  |
| Basketball @ Delmarva Christian  
Girls 4; Boys 5:30 PTSA  
6:00 pm | 3rd MP Interim Grades Due | 3rd MP Interim Grades Due | 3rd MP Interim Grades Due | 3rd MP Interim Grades Due | 3rd MP Interim Grades Due | 3rd MP Interim Grades Due | 3rd MP Interim Grades Due |
| 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  |
| 28  | 29  |    |    |    |    |    |
The teachers and the principal are using a system called Remind, where text messages go out to remind students of homework assignments or events in school. Parents can also receive these messages either for classes so they are seeing the same texts as their students or from the Principal to receive texts about school.

Just text to 81010 and plug in the codes below as a text message. Then you will start receiving reminders.

**From the Principal** @ECHSDSU

**From Mrs. Sara Gildon**
Civics/Geography: @sgild
Personal Finance: Number @sgildo

**For Mr. Barry Young**
Period 2. Earth Science @60f574
Period 3. Earth Science @98973
Period 4 Ant and Phy. @f8e07

**For Mr. Robert Grimm**
Economics: @e0553
WW1: @worldwar1

**For Ms. Charlotte Jordan**
for Period 1: @charlottej
for Period 2: @15392
for Period 4: @153921d

**From Mrs. Dara Savage**
@echseng9 (students)
@echseng9P (parents)
Period 5 Advisory @81217

**From Mr. Michael Sanchez**
@IM2-1
@IM2-2
@IM2-3

**For Bus-Specific Information**
@ECHSB1 for Bus 1
@ECHSB2 for Bus 2
@ECHSB3 for Bus 3
@ECHSB4 for Bus 4
@ECHSB5 for Bus 5
@ECHSB6 for Bus 6

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**Receive Text Message Reminders**

**Feel the Buzz**

- Students can catch the Hornet Daily Buzz each morning complete with announcements!
- Once a month, students can read The Buzz, the official student newspaper at ECHS!
- See Mrs. Savage for more information!

**Other ways to communicate in school:**

Phone calls, e-mails, Home Access Center (HAC), web, twitter... Are you receiving Dr. Edney's Sunday Night at 8:00 p.m. calls with school news and announcements? Make sure: Call Mrs. Thompson. To update phone numbers, addresses, etc. Stay in the know!