



January 2009

East Families,

Welcome back from Winter vacation! We are back in action here at East with full days and evenings. Students are working hard in their classes and in their extra curricular activities once the school day concludes. For some, this may mean late practices or long bus rides to away contests. We even have a group of students attending the Inauguration in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, January 20. If students want to stay busy, there are plenty of opportunities for them to do so. Please encourage your students to get involved in something beyond the regular school day.

Because we are still in the throes of winter, it may be a good time to remind students that they should dress for the weather. Hats, glove, warm coats—especially for those waiting at the bus stop—are a must. Additionally, students riding in personally owned vehicles must be prepared “just in case” they find themselves braving the elements. Skirts and flip-flops are for the spring.

Speaking of the weather, please remind your driving children to take extra precautions when making their way to and from school. Warming up vehicles, scraping windows, slowing down, and getting an earlier start are all good ideas as we face Michigan’s worst weather. First hour seems to be a time of tardiness—and some of that can certainly be blamed on the weather. However, East students need to understand that they are ultimately responsible for being here on time and ready to learn.

Finally, we are hosting parent conferences on Thursday, Jan. 22 from 4:30-7:30 P.M. in the cafeteria and gym. No appointments are necessary. We hope to see you then.

Thank you,

Kelly A. Paige  
Principal