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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Falcon Family,

I want to thank everyone for a successful first semester of the school year. The Falcons were a commanding presence everywhere from the classroom to the football field to center stage. I am constantly amazed at the talents our students possess! This time of year makes me pause to appreciate the community we are building within this school and the support you continuously provide. I am truly proud to be a Falcon.

January 4th marks the beginning of our second semester. Each year, during the second semester all schools experience an increase in absences and late arrivals, and a gradual decline in academic performance. So prevalent is this trend, it has been referred to as the "Second Semester Slide". East River High School is determined to improve this trend and **parents** can play a major role. Absences and tardiness are two of the reasons that grades decline. **Please be vigilant in making sure your student attends school every day and arrives on time.** Your attention to this issue will have a positive effect on your student, reinforcing the importance you place on attendance and their work towards a high school diploma.

The hustle and bustle of the holidays tends to throw off the usual routines established while school is in session. To assure continued academic success and not fall victim to "Second Semester Slide", **re-establish your student's homework and study routine. Help him/her to reclaim the space and time meant for this important purpose.** Determine if any supplies or additional devices are needed. They make great holiday gifts. Parent Access, the site where you can see your student's grades, can also be customized to send you alerts when assignments are not submitted. For the steps on how to customize your Parent Access account, please see page three. Again, your attention to your student's school work will have a positive effect. When students are prepared for class each day, they will attend each day and arrive on time.

It would be impossible to be a great school without your assistance. Thank you for supporting our goals as we strive to overcome the "Second Semester Slide".

I wish each family a holiday season filled with good health, family, and love!

Sincerely,  
Heather Hilton





## TUTORING EVERY TUESDAY

The After School Tutoring program is off to a great start with over 240 students signed up. The program is held every Tuesday from 2:30pm to 4:30pm in the Media Center. We have open enrollment year round and provide tutoring in Math, English, Reading, Science, Social Studies, AP Spanish, and ACT/SAT Prep.

We have a certified teacher in each core subject area tutoring in our program to assist students who mainly come for homework help. Additionally, National Honor Society students receive hours when they volunteer in peer tutoring. Students are allowed to check-in and attend an after school session held by their teacher and return to the program with a pass. Also, we are working on providing additional tutoring resources to our students through the Orange County Public Library.

Transportation is provided to students based on a signed permission form and takes about 2 weeks to become effective. Students can get a tutoring signup form from the main office in room 120. For any further questions regarding tutoring, please contact Mrs. Banuche at Christina.Banuche@ocps.net.

## DID YOU KNOW?

East River provides supper each afternoon from 2:15-2:30pm in the Cafeteria. This program is free and students staying after school to participate in tutoring, club activities, performing arts groups, and sports teams are eligible. Students sign in, get their food, and then can move on to the next event in their busy day!

The khanacademy.org website provides FREE practice opportunities for the SAT? English teachers have helped students connect their Khan Academy account to their College Board accounts so that their results from the October PSAT or SAT are visible. When the two accounts are linked, the Khan Academy program provides specific areas that students need additional practice so they can raise their SAT scores. This means that parents do not have to spend money for expensive test preparation as students take these college entrance exams.

Attendance is important! When students do not attend school regularly they miss out on the instruction that helps them meet the state requirements for graduation. Did you also know that students between 14 and 17 years of age are reported to the DMV when they accumulate 15 unexcused absences in a 90 day calendar period? This can lead to the suspension of their driver's license.

Are you aware that if your student has an Orange County Library system card, live tutors are available for all subject areas from 2-11pm on the internet and can provide support in both English and Spanish? Applications for the Orange County Library Card are available in the Media Center.



## UPCOMING TESTING DATES

Date	Assessment	Grade
March 1st	SAT School Day	11 only
March 6th	FSA -ELA Writing	9-10, Retakes
March 30th	FSA-ELA Reading Retakes	11th, 12th
March 31st	FSA-ELA Reading Retakes	11th, 12th
April 17th	FSA-ELA Reading Session 1	9th, 10th
April 18th	FSA-ELA Reading Session 2	9th, 10th
April 27th	FSA Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry Session 1	Students enrolled in courses
April 28th	FSA Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry Session 2	Students enrolled in courses
May 8th	US History End of Course Exam	Students enrolled in courses
May 9th	Biology End of Course Exam	Students enrolled in courses
May 1st-12th	AP Exams	Students enrolled in courses



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You must log in to your account on the ProgressBook ParentAccess Web Site to subscribe to the available alerts. You will receive an alert at the email address(es) you specify after the school has sent the alert on the specified day and time.

1. On the Manage Alerts section of the My Account tab, select the check box next to the alert you want to receive for each student that is associated with your account.

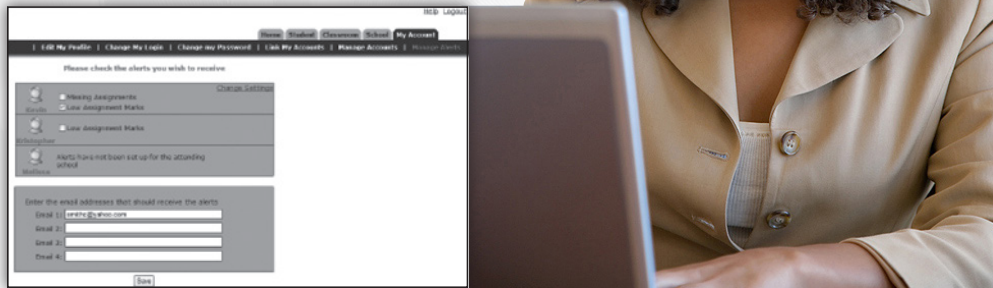
Note: If you have not previously saved an email address for alerts, the email address you use for your ProgressBook ParentAccess Web site account displays in the first Email address field.

2. Type the email address to which you want the alerts sent in the Email address fields.

Note: You may enter up to four email addresses and can update them at any time.

3. Click Save.

If you have not entered at least one email address, the following message displays "Alerts cannot be sent without an email address". Please enter your email address.



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**COLLEGE AND CAREER**

Welcome to the College and Career Center at East River High School! I'm Mrs. Maddron, your College and Career Specialist!

Our main focus is to support ERHS students with college and career planning which includes FAFSA, financial aid strategies, SAT & ACT registrations and assistance with the college application process.

We are open all day and accept after-school appointments! Please stop by room 802 in the guidance office and visit!

Jacqueline A. Maddron  
College and Career Specialist  
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**FAFSA**

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is accessible via [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). FAFSA opened on October 1, 2016.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

- [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
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- [www.finaid.org/scholarships](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships)
- [www.thecareercloset.com](http://www.thecareercloset.com)
- [www.collegescholarships.org](http://www.collegescholarships.org)
- <https://www.ocps.net/cs/services/student/guidance/Pages/Scholarshipsfor12thGraders.aspx>
- [www.mycollegeguide.org](http://www.mycollegeguide.org)
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**APEX**

Congratulations to our newest APEX council members: Ashley Beltran, Ethan Bonsall, Karen Bruchs, Catherine Davis, Lindsey Gallo, Jica Danielle Garces, Grace Maddron, and Kyara Vazquez. We look forward to this new year and your leadership in APEX.

Stay tuned for some exciting fundraiser opportunities! Soon, we will have brand new APEX t-shirts for \$10.00, and will also host a Holiday Lip-Sync-Battle that will go down in history! Please support our APEX program which will assist us by increasing our resources in the APEX Lounge, the APEX Night of Excellence, and the resource library.

**PARENT EVENTS:**

Coffee Talk with the ERHS Guidance Department on the following dates from 9-11am! December 15, 2016; March 9, 2017; and April 20, 2017.

We will host a Valencia Dual Enrollment night for parents and students on February 1, 2017.

Stay tuned for dates for our Elective Fair and Registration Information Nights for parents!

**FREE TUTORING**

- After school every Tuesday in the Media Center from 2:30-4:30pm.
- To sign up, pick up forms in the guidance office or in room 120.
- Subjects: Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading, English, SAT/ACT
- TRANSPORTATION AND SNACKS INCLUDED.

**SAT Test Dates**

December 3, 2016  
January 21, 2017  
March 11, 2017  
May 6, 2017  
June 3, 2017

**ACT Test Dates**

December 10, 2016  
February 11, 2017  
April 8, 2017  
June 10, 2017

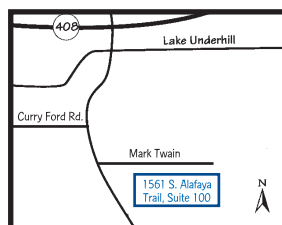
**FYI IMPORTANT DATES:**

- November 28, 2016: Progress Reports go home with students.
- December 16, 2016: End of second marking period.
- January 4, 2017: Second semester begins.
- January 13, 2017: Second quarter report cards are distributed.
- February 17, 2017: Progress Reports go home with students.
- March 31, 2017: Third quarter report cards are distributed.
- April 27, 2017: Progress Reports go home with students.
- May 1-12, 2017: AP Exams
- May 31, 2017- Last day of school for students.

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What a great start for sports this school year! Not only did our football team finish as district runner up and make the playoffs for the second time in school history, but our girls and boys basketball programs are making their presence known on the court too.

Here are some of the other great achievements in our fall season:

- swimmer Sean Catron making it to states for the second consecutive year
- a record number of swimmers from our teams qualifying for regionals
- Girls bowling team are district champs
- Katee Carlson was 1st team all-Metro
- Kerrin Allen making it to regionals in girls cross country
- Cameron Crowley from our girls golf team making it to regionals

Thank you to all our coaches, athletes and parents that helped make all our fall seasons a success. Go Falcons!

For all the latest Falcon Athletics Information please visit our website or follow us on social media:

- [eastriverathletics.com](http://eastriverathletics.com)
- Facebook: East River Athletics
- Twitter: @ER\_Athletics

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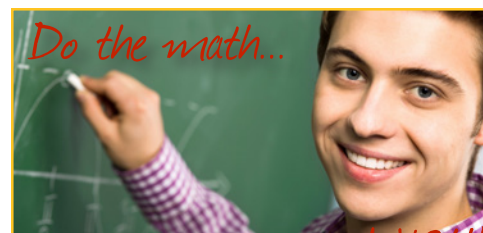
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### Class of 2017: Sponsor Ms. Stonge

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Grad Bash will be at Universal Studios on Friday, April 21. Jason Derulo will be performing. More information on prices and tickets will be available second semester, usually in February.

Last day of school for seniors is May 9.

Graduation is at the UCF CFE Arena on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7:00pm.

### Class of 2018: Sponsor Ms. Judson Smith

The theme for this year's **Junior/ Senior Prom** is "Diamonds are Forever" and will be held in the Pegasus Ballroom at UCF. Early Prom tickets sales begin February 21st and go through March 3rd. The ticket price during this time is \$60.00 per ticket.

During March 6-March 28th ticket prices will be \$70.00 per person.

Tickets are non-refundable and no-transferable. ID must be shown at the door. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.**

All tickets can be purchased before or after school in room 408 and every Friday at lunch.

Please remember that students must be cleared of all library, technology and club/sports obligations in order to purchase tickets. See Ms. Cangemillo in the Media Center.

### Class of 2019 : Sponsor Ms. Hyser

The Sophomore Class hosted East River's annual Trick or Treat event in conjunction with the Freshman Class. Hundreds of community members attended and non-perishable food items were collected and donated to a local food bank.

Sophomore Class shirts are on sale until December 16th. They are \$10 and can be purchased through School Pay at <http://tinyurl.com/SophClass>.

The class will also attend an East River basketball game on Friday, 1/27 to cheer on our Falcons! Sophomores should wear their class shirt or a red shirt if they do not have a class shirt. We will meet in Mrs. Hyser's room (659) on Monday, 1/23 to make signs for the game. All sophomores are encouraged to come to the game to show our school spirit and cheer on our team!

### Class of 2020 : Sponsor Ms. Hunt

The freshman class just completed their first fundraiser as they start to look toward their junior prom. Meetings are twice a month in Room 662. Listen to FTV for meeting dates.

If you didn't get your Freshman class shirt and still want one, please see Ms. Hunt in room 662.