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Butler provides opportunity

By Ronnie Cannucci
BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL

Butler High School is fun, safe, and academically superb. There are many opportunities, with nothing to stand in your way. The environment at Butler is friendly and safe. Going to another school would never run through my mind. It is a pleasure attending here and the next two years will be the same for me. Most kids dread going to school, but my feelings are that Butler is a fun place to go. All of my friends are around me all day. It is an enjoyable place to be. Teachers are interesting, funny, yet educational at the same time. To me, Butler takes on an "outside the box" approach



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to what they do and have it done successfully. At Butler there is no need to feel unsafe or afraid. The students that go here are good people and non-confrontational. There are not any bullies or gangs. Everybody looks out for each other rather than being out to get each other. There has never been a time when I felt my safety was in jeopardy. Finally, one of the most attractive reasons for coming to Butler High School is its academic supremacy. The teachers challenge their students inside the classroom and the coaches challenge outside the classroom. Ours is one of the top schools in CMS, and it will stay that way. The teachers form bonds with their students and encourage them to be their best. Students come to school wanting to learn. This is what Butler is to me; it's a fun, safe place that excels academically. Butler has been nothing but good to me, and it is a great school of which to be a part. The teachers, students and faculty come together to form a great school.

Why I chose Alexander Graham

By Victoria Geng
ALEXANDER GRAHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

The moment I entered Alexander Graham Middle School, I was fulfilled with friendly greetings and those warm welcomes that make you feel that you've come to the right place. AG spiced up my life and painted colors in my life's portrait. Teachers make you feel included and friends are always there for you in good and bad times. With encouragement and support, you grow within this big family. AG offers a variety of clubs and extra-curricular activities that allow you to interact with different people and develop a longer chain of friendships. AG is full of twists and turns, everyday is changing and good moments are everlasting. Join us! Be part of the fun and experience the goodness of life and the flavor of this awesome school. Victoria is an 8th grade student.

Teachers make East special

By Cameron Sanders
EAST MECKLENBURG HIGH

East Mecklenburg High School is among the best schools in Charlotte. It has everything you could ever want in a school including the finest of foods, a large complex, easy to locate classes, and a kind principal. Two outstanding qualities that the school has would have to be our scholastic success, and most importantly the teachers. Everything in this school is positive and to my knowledge, nothing here has ever gone completely wrong. The scholastic achievement of this school is excellent. Students are doing better here than they do at other schools. The students are introduced to a crime-free environment, which eliminates any pressure and allows them to concentrate on their work. This school offers a myriad of work keeping the average student busy for the amount of time desired. East Meck also offers an IB program for the most advanced students to take part in. All of the work that is given is challenging which helps to better develop students for college academics.

The teachers at this school are among the nicest people you will ever encounter. They treat you as if you are important to them.

Everyday the students at East are greeted with smiles from teachers and administration, and that makes the students feel good. The teachers here are serious about getting work done; however, they also like to make learning fun. They sometimes let you work in groups with friends or they let you play games that will help you to understand what they are teaching. The teachers at East know exactly how to explain things so that it is easy for the students to understand and their teaching methods ensure that everyone in the class learns something. With teachers like these, it's no wonder that East Meck is at the top of the list.

The factors that make East Meck and undoubtedly perfect high school choice are the teachers, the administration, and of course the scholastic achievement of the students. There is a lot of pride instilled in this school, and I am proud to be an Eagle of East Mecklenburg High School. Although I am a new student, I feel confident in saying that East Meck in the best school in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. Now that you know that East Meck is the best school, stand up tall and spread your newly born wings like the proud Eagle of East Meck.



Northeast allows free expression

By Brittany Bilek
NORTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL

I am an eighth grade student at Northeast Middle school. I have been a part of the Northeast Eagles family now for three years. I was in the 2003-2004 Northeast homecoming court and I also participate in the band and Yearbook Committee. I am a member of the National Junior Honor Society. I enjoy Northeast so much because the teachers teach well, I feel safe, and people on the staff always have a smile.

One of the best things about Northeast is that the teachers can keep the class under control, but at the same time we can have a good laugh. We get a good education and the teachers make it interesting and fun. I think this helps are education because when a lesson is boring most likely the students are going to be sleeping or be easily distracted and the teachers at Northeast never let a lesson get boring so everyone is always paying attention and learning. I think this is one of the best things about Northeast because

I personally get a good education and have fun while doing it.

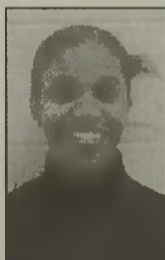
Another important factor about why I like Northeast is that I feel safe. When I walk into the building every morning I feel like everyone is watching over me to make sure I am safe. The lock down drills we have make me feel good because I know if something ever did happen we would have a plan. I think having security guards and officers around the school makes us feel protected. The visitor policy is that you have to sign in at the office or if you are signing your child out you have to have I.D. on you. I think this makes us feel safe because we know someone can't come into the school and kidnap us. I think school safety is so important to why I like Northeast because if I feel like I have to watch my back all the time I don't feel safe and that is definitely not at Northeast.

When I walk in the front doors every morning I see Ms. Cook, our principal and Ms. Kusmierek, our academic facilitator with a big smile on.. They both say good morning and make you feel like you can come to them about anything. When you walk down the hallway even if you don't have that teacher they will be very friendly with you. When you are around the school any staff member that you pass make you feel like they are always there for you if you need them for anything.

Next year I will be attending high school. I will miss Northeast because I know that the teachers will never be able to be as nice as the Northeast teachers. The best part about it is that I know if I ever need any of them that they will be there for me.

Activities, information make Waddell superb

By Aja Jackson
WADDELL HIGH SCHOOL



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The main reason why I like Waddell High School is because I enjoy all the different classes and activities that I am able to participate in. I also enjoy the way Waddell keeps students informed about what's going on at the school.

There is information provided in the office about extracurricular activities, scholarships and other important dates so we are informed. I also enjoy the way

the teachers stay involved with their students during and after school hours. The Tuesday and Thursday tutoring sessions have really helped me maintain a high average. There are also "one on one" sessions that you can have with your guidance counselor so he or she may help you with applying to college. I am an active track runner and I enjoy the athletic activities that take place after school. There are also so many other sports to take part in such as football, basketball, and even soccer. This has been a great new experience for me because I recently transferred from a private school.

I think Waddell is a very good choice because Waddell not only educates, it also offers a safe environment. That's why I enjoy Waddell High and think that it is an excellent choice for a High School.

