

Good Afternoon, this is Steve Mares, principal of Athens Drive Magnet High School with announcements for the upcoming week. A copy of this message will be posted on our school website and emailed to the PTSA email groups.

Thank you to all of our school families who came out to our Meet the Teacher event last night. I appreciate the support you provide our students and our school! It is great to work together to support student achievement.

As was discussed last night, we are asking for additional parent support in our PTSA for the rest of this year and in the coming year. I personally want to thank all of the members of the PTSA for the incredible support you provide our students, staff, and school! What a difference you make at Athens Drive! It would be an incredible gift to the school if you could help lead us in several new opportunities as Class representatives or by serving on the PTSA Board. Thank you for considering these volunteer opportunities.

Please remember to hold Thursday, February 23rd on your calendar. That is the night we will be holding our rising Tenth through Twelfth Grade Curriculum Night and our Freshmen Open House. Information regarding this event is posted on our website. Registration for rising 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade students will take place between February 27th and March 31st. Teachers are now entering course recommendations for students and Counselors will be meeting individually with each rising Senior and in small groups with rising Sophomores and Juniors. We will also be distributing a Registration Packet to students that includes course offerings and course sequencing information.

Starting with this upcoming Spring Athletic Season, we are introducing a Ticket to Play program. The purpose of the program is to make sure all athletes are eligible to participate before they step on the athletic field and help the coaches get all the information they need to fill out the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Eligibility Forms. Tryouts for our Spring sports begin Monday, February 13th, and a student cannot tryout or participate in any workouts/conditioning until they have a signed Ticket to Play for the Spring season. Information regarding this program can be found on the Athens Drive Athletic website (www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs).

Please put on your calendar our Spring Sports Parent Night which will be held on Monday, February 20th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym.

The Advanced Placement (AP) test registration portal will be available for student to register for AP exams through March 2nd. All students must complete the registration on-line to register for all AP exams. Please visit the Athens Drive website to access the AP Exam Registration portal. After completing registration, all students need to print a confirmation sheet and permission slip and return those forms to the Student Services office by March 2nd.

We have a lot to be proud of with regards to our Winter student athletes! We have Wrestlers competing in Regional Championships, our Track and Swimming Teams are representing us at State Championships, and our Basketball teams play their final regular season games tonight and then we will find out about playoffs for them. I am proud of the way our students athletes, students, coaches, and families all represent Athens Drive so well. Please be sure to continue to check the Athens Drive Athletics website (www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs) to find out the most up-to-date game dates and times for all athletic events. In addition, please be sure to follow @athensjags on Twitter for up-to-date information on Jaguar athletics.

Those are all of the announcements for this week. Please continue to check the Athens Drive website (www.wcpss.net/athensdrivehs) for general information to help you stay informed. I hope you all have a safe, wonderful weekend. Go JAGS and please take care.