

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.

What a great week to celebrate our Seniors! First, thanks to so many incredible Senior parents and sponsors, we hosted a wonderful Senior Breakfast. It was great to honor our Seniors. Then, we presented Diplomas to 34 mid-year Graduates at our Mid-Year Graduation ceremony. That is what it is all about, and I was proud to present the Diplomas to our incredible Graduates! We know we will be hearing great things from them in the future!

Parents, please remember that Report Cards were given to students today to bring home. Please be sure to ask your student to show you his/her First Semester grades. Please note that there were some grades that had to be marked as Incomplete since we did not get scores back from all of the North Carolina Final Exams and End-Of-Course tests that were given until today. However, almost all of our student scores have now come back and new Report Cards have been printed for those students to take home on Monday. I am sorry for any frustration this has caused.

Along with the Report Cards, we sent home a Student Information Verification form. I ask that you please look over your contact information on this form and if any updates need to be made, please come into school to make those changes. If you cannot come into school, please review the information and provide us with the update if needed, sign and date the form, and give back to your student to return to his/her teacher. Please understand this is only for phone numbers, contacts, and e-mail account information. If you need to make address changes, that requires providing proof of residence presented in person in the Student Services office. This contact information is critical as all Wake County Public Schools will have the ability to distribute information via email and text messages in the near future, and we want to be sure we have correct contact information for every student.

Please remember that we have our Spring Semester Meet the Teacher Open House on Thursday, February 9th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria with a PTSA meeting that will include Mr. Remaley sharing Senior information with parents. I will also be there to meet those of you who I have not had the pleasure of meeting. I would ask all of our families to join us for the PTSA meeting in order to find ways to support our school and students. The schedule for the evening is posted on the Athens Drive website (www.wcpss.net/athensdrivehs).

Please remember that Friday, February 10th is an Early Release Day. All students will be dismissed at 11:48 a.m.

Starting with this upcoming Spring Athletic Season, we are going to introduce 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. 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).

The Advanced Placement (AP) test registration portal will be available for student to register for AP exams from February 1st 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.

Our students are excited about our Coming Home celebration next week. Spirit days for the week are: Monday is 'Merica Monday; Tuesday is Tourist Tuesday; Wednesday is Character Day; Thursday is Jersey Day; and Friday is Blue and Orange Day. I look forward to a fun week for our students!

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.

Please be sure to check the Athens Drive Athletics website (www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs) to find out game dates and times of our Winter Sports. In addition, please be sure to follow @athensjags on Twitter for up-to-date information on Jaguar athletics. Thank you, as always, for your support.

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.