

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.

Please remember that we have two days left of Final Exams—Monday and Tuesday, January 23rd and January 24th. On Monday, January 23rd, we will administer Second and Fourth Period Final Exams. If a student does not have a Final Exam to take during these two Testing Periods, then that student does not need to be on campus. Tuesday, January 24th, is a Make-Up Day for Final Exams, and only those students who have missed a Final Exam need to be on campus.

Please also remember that the Second Semester of the 2016 – 2017 school year begins on Wednesday, January 25th. Students will report to their First Semester, First Period class to begin the day. In that class, they will receive a copy of their new schedule and then we will transition to their new First Period class of the Second Semester. First Semester Report Cards go home with students on Friday, February 3rd. If your student is not happy with the start he/she has had to this school year, please encourage him/her to get off to a clean, fresh, and great start next Wednesday! One of the benefits of beginning a brand new Semester is that everybody has a fresh start and there is still time to make a positive difference and finish the year strong!

With regards to beginning the new Semester, it is important that students follow their schedule as finalized. The only schedule changes we will make are for students who have already earned credit for the course, have failed a course and need to re-take the course, or if they have a blank in their schedule. The window for schedule change requests has closed and there will not be an opportunity for students to submit any additional schedule change request forms.

Senior parents, you should have heard by now about the Senior Breakfast that is coming soon. On Thursday, February 2nd, beginning at 7:50 a.m., our Seniors will start their day with breakfast and prizes! What a great way to begin their final semester of school! The event is entirely funded by donations from Senior parents/guardians and local businesses. Monetary donations, volunteers to work the event, and/or parents willing to help find sponsors for this event are still needed. Please consider donating to and supporting this wonderful Senior event!

It is hard to believe that we will soon be starting the recommendation and registration process for enrolling in classes for next school year. This will be an on-going process during the months of February and March. In early February, teachers will begin making recommendations and having course conversations with students. In addition, counselors will be pulling students in small groups to talk to them about the registration process. Please remember that students met earlier this year with counselors and they have their academic plan completed. We will also be posting Registration information on the website for our students to use to register for classes for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Registration will open for all students by mid-to-the-end of February. Please know that we will also be hosting a rising Freshmen Open House and Curriculum Night for rising Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors, on Thursday, February 23rd. The flyer for this event is posted on the website.

Please understand that due to the end of the Semester and the calculations of First Semester grades, our Student Services will not be able to sign driver eligibility forms until all grades are finalized for the Fall Semester. The signing of driver eligibility forms will resume on January 31st.

Just another reminder that the Wake County Public School System has announced make-up days for the school days we missed last week. Friday, January 27th; Monday, February 20th; and Friday, March 31st are now school days for students. Thus, next Friday, January 27th, is a day of school for students and is NOT a Teacher Workday.

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. We are moving into the final games of the season and Conference and State Championships are beginning as well. Thank you for your support of our student athletes.

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.