

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.

I would like to thank all of our students and families for your support of our efforts during Final Exams over the last week! With the addition of North Carolina Final Exams, our students took approximately 4,000 State mandated assessments on top of the thousands of teacher-made Final Exams that were administered. I appreciated our students' efforts to finish the Semester strong. Please remember that we started the Second Semester of the 2016 – 2017 school year on Wednesday, January 25th. First Semester Report Cards go home with students next Friday, February 3rd.

We reminded students, but I would like our school families to remember as well, that we will begin Tardy Sweeps again on Monday, January 30th. We gave students the first three days of our new Semester to find their classrooms and find the best routes to take to get to each class. We will be back to our normal processes and procedures regarding Tardies beginning on Monday. Thank you for your support!

Two of the biggest events for our Seniors happen next Thursday, February 2nd. Beginning at 7:50 a.m., our Seniors will start their day with breakfast and prizes during our Senior Breakfast! 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 are still being accepted to help fund this event—thank you for your support. Then, beginning at 5:00 p.m. that evening, we are holding our Mid-Year Graduation. What an honor it is for us to acknowledge and celebrate the hard work and efforts of our Seniors who have earned their Diploma and are Graduating early!

Two important dates that I ask you to hold on your calendar in coming weeks—Thursday, February 9th and Thursday, February 23rd. We be hosting our Spring Semester Meet the Teacher Night on the 9th of February beginning at 6:00 p.m. Then, on Thursday, February 23rd, we will be holding our rising Tenth through Twelfth Grade Curriculum Night and our Freshmen Open House. Information regarding these events are 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. We are moving into the final games and meets 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.