

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.

It is hard to believe that the school year is winding down! I thank you for your support during our Exam Schedule and in helping us finish the year strong! We have four more days of Final Exams beginning on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> for our students and then one day of Make-Up Exams for those students who may have missed taking an Exam.

If a student does not have a Final Exam on a school day next week, the student should not be on campus. Please know that all of our staff will be either administering or proctoring a Final Exam during the week. If a student does come to campus, he/she will be in the Auditorium in a Study Hall for the entire day. A reminder for students who plan to leave after their State Final Exams (e.g., End-Of-Course Tests, North Carolina Final Exams, and/or CTE Post Assessments) are concluded next week (June 5<sup>th</sup> through June 9<sup>th</sup>), they must turn a completed permission form into the test administrator on the day of the Final Exam. Students must then leave campus immediately upon the end of the Final Exam Period (not once they have individually completed the exam or their testing site has completed their test, but at the end of the Final Exam Period at 11:25 a.m.). The permission form has been posted to the Athens Drive website. If a student does not leave campus after their Final Exam Period has ended at 11:25 a.m., he/she will be expected to report to the Auditorium for a Study Hall for the remainder of the day.

We are excited to offer our rising Seniors in the Class of 2018 a great opportunity to get their Senior Portraits completed on campus during our Final Exams. Please reserve June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and then July 17<sup>th</sup> through July 21<sup>st</sup> for Senior Portraits. We want to be able to be sure that every rising Senior gets his/her picture taken in order for them to be included in the yearbook. Thus, we will have opportunities during Final Exam week for Rising Seniors to begin getting their pictures taken. Information is posted on the website and was provided to students from Strawbridge Studios.

The Class of 2017 Interfaith Baccalaureate is on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium and will be a celebration of Muslim, Christian, Hindu, and Jewish faiths all presented by members of the Senior Class. Everybody is invited to this parent-sponsored service celebrating the 2017 Athens Drive Senior Graduating Class. Anyone still interested in participating or needing additional information can contact Ms. Romney at [president@athensdriveptsa.com](mailto:president@athensdriveptsa.com).

The Senior Reception will also be held on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. This is a great time for teachers, students, and parents to celebrate together the Class of 2017. Refreshments will be provided and music will be performed by the Athens Orchestra.

Then on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. at the Raleigh Convention Center, we will celebrate the best day at Athens Drive each year—Graduation! We had a fantastic practice with our Seniors today and I look forward to handing our Graduates their Diplomas next weekend!

If you want to watch Graduation on June 10<sup>th</sup> but you do not have a ticket or you will not be in the Raleigh area, not to worry! Wake County Public School System will be streaming a live broadcast of the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Athens Drive Commencement Exercises on the Internet. You can access this broadcast through our website and through the WCPSS website. We are excited about this alternative option to see our students' Graduation Ceremony!

Just a reminder that the deadline for requesting changes to student course registration has passed. Please be aware that we are still working on the master schedule for next school year (and will continue that work through the first day of school in August). Therefore, information in Powerschool will not be completely accurate until late July or early August. If a student should see course information in PowerSchool, please know that schedules are not finalized until the end of the summer.

Rising Seniors who are interested in Mid-Year Graduation and/or an Early Release for the 2017 – 2018 school year, please stop by the Student Services office and pick up the appropriate paperwork. Please return the completed forms to Student Services by June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Driver's Eligibility forms will not be signed from May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup>. We will resume signing Driver Eligibility forms on June 27<sup>th</sup> after all grades are finalized for the Spring Semester.

There is still time to sign up to be a part of the annual Golf Tournament on June 13<sup>th</sup> at Lochmere Golf Club hosted by our JAG Club. Go to the JAG Club website ([athensdrivejagclub.org](http://athensdrivejagclub.org)) for registration and all the details. You won't want to miss this great day and night of fun! If golf isn't your thing, no worries! Join us for dinner by The Original Q Shack and Silent Auction starting at 5:30 p.m. The JAG Club also needs wonderful volunteers to help with the event. Sign up (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084faaae2ba0f58-2017>) to help with this event. Thank you for your support of the JAG Club, our student athletes, and our school!

Those are all of the announcements for this week. I would ask that we encourage all of our students, but especially our Seniors, to make positive choices this weekend and throughout the next week! I continue to wish all of our students the best success on Exams! I hope you all enjoy a safe, wonderful weekend! Go JAGS and please take care.