

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.

We will have a PTSA meeting on Tuesday, March 14th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Thank you for attending this meeting to see how you can continue to make a positive difference and support our students, staff, and school family.

Our Health Science Academy will be hosting its 3rd UNC-Rex Blood Drive for the school year on Thursday, March 16th, from 7:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. It's easy to donate—students must be 17 years old to participate; they select their best time to participate; lunch time donors get a free Chick-Fil-A sandwich from our community partner; and snacks, juice, and a T-Shirt are given to every participant. I am proud of our students for making a positive difference in our community with this donation.

Also on Thursday, March 16th, there is another opportunity to hear our incredible Band perform. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., our Symphonic Band and then our Wind Ensemble will conduct their Festival Concert. Please come out and enjoy the incredible talents of our students—they sound great!

Please remember that the Third Quarter ends on Wednesday, March 29th and the Fourth Quarter begins Thursday, March 30th. I know this has been a long stretch of classes and I just want to ask parents to help remind our students, including our Seniors, to stay focused on finishing the Third Quarter strong and building for a great ending to the 2016 – 2017 school year. Please remember that Third Quarter Report Cards go home on Friday, April 7th.

As part of our new process for communicating with families, on Monday, March 20th, you will be receiving a message via text and email using the current information we have on file. The message may look like Spam, but please refrain from deleting it. When the message comes through, I hope you take a few moments to follow the steps to “Opt-In” to messages. If you do not receive any communication from me by the end of Monday, March 20th, we do not have a current cell telephone number and/or email information on file. Beginning next week I will be posting additional information on our website from WCPSS and me concerning these new service options. Thank you for your efforts to maintain updated contact information on file with us so that we can always contact you with information about your student and/or during any emergency situation.

Course registration for the 2017 – 2018 school year continues to move forward. We are finishing rising Senior meetings and are moving on to register rising Sophomores and Juniors. Thank you for your support of this process and for taking this task seriously so that we can build our Master Schedule according to our students' course choices.

I am proud of the way our Spring student-athletes have represented us on the court, track, and fields! Don't forget that we normally have at least one of our athletic teams playing a home game each night of the week. Please 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 and come out and support our incredible 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. Keep an eye on the weather, stay warm and safe, and have a wonderful weekend. Go JAGS and please take care.