

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 I will be changing the way that I share my weekly general information with you. Starting next week, I will begin sharing general information via text messaging and email instead of my usual automated telephone call. You will still receive automated phone calls from me, but only for more urgent situations. 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 text messages. If you have already opted in for another school, you will not receive the opt-in text. However, if you haven’t opted-in, and 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. Please check the Athens Drive website (www.wcpss.net/athensdrivehs) for additional information related to these options. Thank you for your support of this change.

Parents of Seniors, please know that Jostens will be on campus on Thursday, March 23rd, in the Gym lobby during lunches to deliver Cap and Gowns and Senior products. All items must be paid for in full before students can receive their products. Online payments must be made 48 hours prior to the delivery date on Thursday. Cash or money order only will be accepted on the delivery date. If you still need to place an order, please go to www.jostens.com.

Parents of Seniors, also please continue to check with your student and ensure that he/she is completing all of his/her Graduation requirements. We have a number of students who received information this week to inform them that they have not met their CPR training requirement. We will be working with these students in the coming weeks to take care of this requirement, but I know this is an exciting time for our Seniors and I want to ensure that we are working together to be sure our Seniors stay focused on finishing strong and are good-to-go to walk the stage on Saturday, June 10th and receive their Diploma!

Parents of Juniors, please know that if your Junior did not take the ACT last month, the ACT Make-Up test administration will be held on Tuesday, March 21st. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring we test all Juniors.

We have been working with all students this week to have them reset their passwords so that they can access their Canvas, Google, and email accounts under the new WakeID Portal. Please know that student usernames will remain the same and logins to student/parent PowerSchool access will not change. Additional information on these changes can be found at <http://wakeid.wcpss.net>.

Athens Drive Magnet High School will be hosting Reality of Money, a financial interactive simulation, sponsored by State Employees Credit Union and the Athens Drive Business Alliance. This event will take place on Thursday, March 30th and is designed to help students understand basic household budgeting and financial decision making. We are in need of volunteers in order to provide this learning experience to our students. To obtain more information and register as a volunteer for this event, please visit “What’s Happening At The Drive” on the Athens Drive website (www.wcpss.net/athensdrivehs). You can also contact Glenn Bass, our Career Development Coordinator, for answers to any questions you may have. Thank you for your support in order to make this outstanding experience possible.

Course registration for the 2017 – 2018 school year continues to move forward. We are meeting with rising Sophomores and Juniors to complete their course selections for next year. Please be talking with your student about the courses they are selecting for next year as we work to ensure that all of our students are on a path to Graduate and reach their goals.

As you plan ahead, just a reminder that Friday, March 31st is a make-up school day for the school cancellation on January 11th for snow. Friday, March 31st is no longer a Teacher Workday, but a school day for students.

We have had a great week on the court, track, and fields! Please check the Athens Drive Athletics website (www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs) to find out game dates and times for our athletic events. I continue to be proud of the way that our student athletes represent our school.

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. Please have an enjoyable, safe, and wonderful weekend. Go JAGS and please take care.