

Good Afternoon, this is Steve Mares, principal of Athens Drive Magnet High School with announcements for the upcoming week. A copy of these announcements will be posted on our school website and e-mailed to the Athens Drive PTSA email group.

Please remember that Thursday, September 21st is a Teacher Workday. There is no school for students on Thursday of next week.

On Tuesday, September 19th, the Athens Drive Theatre Department will be hosting its annual back to school Theatre Celebration in the Auditorium from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Both students already involved and those interested in becoming involved in the theatre program, are encouraged to join in the fun and games. You do not have to be enrolled in a theatre class to come to this event.

The PSAT will be administered on October 11th at Athens Drive High School. All students that are interested in taking the PSAT must register by September 20th, at 12:00 noon. Applications are available on the Athens Drive Magnet High School website or can be found in the Student Services office. The cost to take the PSAT is \$16.00. This fee can be paid on-line via our website or paid with check/money (exact cash only) in the Students Services office. Students must complete the application and remit payment with the application to the Student Services office or print a copy of the on-line payment receipt and submit the receipt with the application to the Student Services office. Please remember that all applications and payments must be received in the Student Services office by September 20th, at 12:00 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Brown at (919) 233-4050 Ext. 24898 if you have further questions.

Did you know that every three seconds someone is in need of blood, and one out of every ten people entering a hospital will need blood during their stay? Every day in the U.S. about 32,000 pints of blood are used for patients in need. The REX Bloodmobile's first stop for their Blood Donation kick-off of the season is Athens Drive Magnet High School on Friday, September 22nd from 7:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. The event is sponsored by our Health Science Academy and student's participation is encouraged. Students must be 17 years of age, in good health, and eat a good breakfast the day of the drive. Students may sign up through the QR code posted throughout the school and teacher's classrooms. Students who donate will receive a snack and a t-shirt. This is a great way for students to serve our community!

On behalf of our Student Government and the LEO Club, I would like to send out a big thank you to everyone for their participation in our Food Drive thus far! Students and families can bring in canned food and other items to support our Backpack Buddies program and the Food Bank of the Eastern and Central Region of North Carolina through September 29th. I am proud of our students for organizing this service opportunity to make a positive difference at our school and in our community!

On Tuesday, September 19th, we will be sending a letter home with Juniors and Seniors regarding the release of student names, addresses, and phone numbers upon request to military recruiters. Federal law requires us to provide this information unless the student (if 18 years of age or older) or parent/guardian opts out of the release of this information. The Opt Out Request form can be accessed on the Athens Drive Magnet High School website, under the Student tab, select Career Services, and you will see a link on the right entitled Military Release Opt Out Form. If you should have any questions, please contact Mrs. Melonie Carlton, Career Development Coordinator. Her email address is mccarlton@wcpss.net and her phone number is 919-233-4050, ext. 24905.

I wanted to be sure to remind parents that we invite all students (especially Juniors and Seniors) to come and meet with College Admission representatives that we schedule to be on campus. For example, this coming week the following Colleges will be present to meet with students: Hollins University on Monday, September 18th at 2:30 p.m. in the Library; Old Dominion University on Tuesday, September 19th at 10:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria Lobby; Appalachian State University on Tuesday September 19th at 2:30 p.m. in the Library; and American

University on Friday, September 22nd at 2:30 p.m. in the Library. Please have your student visit the Student Services office for more details on all of our Universities and Colleges who are coming to our campus.

Please put on your calendar and plan ahead to attend our Fall Student Services Parent Session. This interactive workshop for parents is scheduled for Thursday, October 5th, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. The purpose of this Parent Session is to provide our school families with the information and tools necessary to assist our students' transition through high school and beyond. Topics that will be discussed include Financial Aid, NCAA Requirements, and College Admission Requirements. We hope to see you here!

Senior Conferences will continue through Friday, September 22nd. A schedule of conferences is available in front of the Student Services Office. We encourage all Seniors to attend their scheduled appointments because they will be receiving important information about Graduation and preparing to reach Post Secondary goals.

Please remember to come out to Jaguar Stadium tonight for our home football game against Apex Friendship High School. It will be a special night at The Drive as we will be inducting our inaugural class of the Athens Drive Hall of Fame, many of our Alumni are returning to celebrate together at reunions, our Band will be performing, students will be decked out for a Hawaii-out theme, and we will be celebrating together as a school family so many good things about our amazing school family!

Please continue to support our student athletes as they compete on the field, track, course, and court! We still have games almost every night of week and it is a great way to come together to support our student athletes. Please check our Athletic Team schedules on our Athens Drive Athletics website (<http://www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs>).

Those are all of the announcements for this week. I hope each of you has a safe, enjoyable weekend. Go JAGS and please take care.