

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.

Let me begin by saying that our Countdown to Graduation clock is now operational! We have finalized our Graduation date and time for the Class of 2018! We will be celebrating Graduation as the Class of 2018 on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon, at the Raleigh Convention Center. I look forward to shaking hands and presenting Diplomas to EVERY member of our Class of 2018!

Thank you so much to all of the parents who came to our Meet the Teacher Night on Wednesday evening! It was great to see so many family members be a part of this important evening to build relationships, connect with teachers, and continue to be more engaged in our school family. Thank you for all the support you provide as we work together to help all of our students reach their ultimate potential!

The PSAT will be administered on October 11<sup>th</sup> at Athens Drive High School. All students that are interested in taking the PSAT must register by September 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 Student 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 20<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Brown at (919) 233-4050 Ext. 24898 if you have further questions.

This morning during Drive Time, all students received an information sheet for parents about a new support for students entitled *My Student's Team*. Please ask your student for the bright orange *My Student's Team* information and please review the information. If your student did not bring this information home, we have posted it to our website.

Please remember that attendance cannot be entered into Powerschool until after the 11<sup>th</sup> day of school. If you are looking for attendance information in PowerSchool, please know that we will be going into PowerSchool and retroactively posting attendance information for the first 11 days of school. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this requirement.

Please remember that we have a plethora of Colleges and Universities coming to campus to share information and provide an opportunity for our students to meet with College Admission representatives. Please visit the Student Services office for more details.

Senior Conferences will begin on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Fall Play Auditions will be held after school September 13<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup> in the Chorus room. Those students interested should prepare a 1-to-2 minute memorized monologue and familiarize themselves with some fundamental facts regarding Greek Mythology. Audition forms are available on the callboard located outside of the Chorus Room. Students should carefully review that form and have it signed by a parent/guardian prior to auditioning. Students will not be allowed to audition without a parent/guardian signature. Additional audition information and tips are located on the callboard. Please email Ms. Hayes at ahayes3@wcpss.net if you have any additional questions. For those wishing to be a part of the Technical Crew, there is an additional form located on the callboard labeled Crew Form. Being a member of the Tech Crew is an extremely important job during the fall play. Because of this, we are asking interested students to complete a resume and have one teacher recommendation. More detailed information about the recommendation and resume are on the form.

Applications are due to Ms. Hayes by Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The crew list will be posted on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

We did begin our Tardy Sweeps this week and our students are doing a great job of being in class, ready to learn at the bell. Thank you for your support in ensuring that all of our students make it to class on time, each period, all year.

We continue to follow-up with students who are not dressed according to the dress code. Please help your student stay in compliance by following the guidelines and dressing appropriately. Thank you for your support of our efforts with regards to the dress code and maintaining a safe school climate conducive to learning.

Please remember that next Friday night, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at our home football game, we will be honoring the inaugural class of the Athens Drive Hall of Fame! Not only is a Friday night home football game a wonderful celebration of our school family, next Friday we even have the chance to be a part of a new, special tradition at Athens Drive!

Please continue to support our student athletes as they compete on the field, track, course, and court! Our teams have all started the year in an outstanding manner and at least one of our athletic teams is competing almost every night of the week in some sport. We have a Varsity football game at Enloe, beginning at 7:00 p.m. tonight. 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 we continue to stay out of harm's way with regards to the latest hurricane to impact the United States, and I hope everybody's families are safe wherever they may live. Please have a wonderful weekend. Go JAGS and please take care.