

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.

Thank you to all of our students and parents who supported our Curriculum Night and Ninth Grade Open House last night! We had a great crowd with a lot of positive energy as we welcomed our new Jaguars to The Drive! I do appreciate the family atmosphere we have at Athens and willingness of our school family to support all of the activities and programs that we have happening. Please know that your dedication and support are much appreciated!

The 2017 – 2018 Registration packets were given to Ninth through Eleventh Grade students this week. I would ask that you please review the packet with your student(s) and discuss the courses they would like to take next year. Please remember that students must select 8 primary courses and 3 alternate courses. In addition, in order to register for classes, students must claim their NC Cloud account. If your student has not done this or has questions on how to claim his/her account, please have your student come to the Students Services office to pick up directions. Starting next week, our Counselors will conduct Junior Conferences where they will review the student's transcript, discuss post secondary goals, and assist students with course registration for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Counselors will conduct registration meetings with Freshmen and Sophomores beginning March 14<sup>th</sup> during 2<sup>nd</sup> Period. Also, on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, during lunch, we will have an Elective Fair to provide information on various Elective courses that are offered. Students will be able to talk with teachers and get information on those courses at that time.

Please remember that all Juniors will be taking the ACT test this coming Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. In December 2011, the State Board of Education approved the ACT to become a part of North Carolina's accountability model for High Schools. This is a great opportunity for our Juniors and my expectation is that every Junior will be here at school on Tuesday and do his/her best on the ACT. It is imperative that we have all Juniors come to school on Tuesday so that we meet our State testing policy requirements. All other students will have a regular day of school on the 28<sup>th</sup>, but our Juniors will be taking the ACT for the vast majority of the day.

Congratulations to the students who made All As and A/B Honor Roll for the Second Quarter this school year! Honor letters are being sent home and our Honor Roll students are being recognized by having their names listed on our Honor Roll posters hung in the school. I want to encourage all of our students to focus on their academic achievement and earn these honors in the Third Quarter.

The deadline to register for Advanced Placement (AP) exams is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please remember that the registration link is available on the Athens Drive High School website. Once a student has registered, we require that the student print a copy of the confirmation sheet and permission slip and return to the Student Services office.

What a fantastic Winter Athletic Season we just completed! I was proud of the accomplishments of our student-athletes and the outstanding way they represented Athens Drive throughout the season. Our Spring sports begin next week. 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](http://www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs)) to find out the most up-to-date game dates and times for all athletic events. In addition, please be sure to follow @athensjags on Twitter for up-to-date information on Jaguar athletics.

Those are all of the announcements for this week. Please continue to check the Athens Drive website ([www.wcpss.net/athensdrivehs](http://www.wcpss.net/athensdrivehs)) for general information to help you stay informed. I hope you all enjoy a safe, wonderful weekend. Go JAGS and please take care.