

Good afternoon, this is Steve Mares, principal of Athens Drive Magnet High School with a special announcement regarding our new Honors Recognition Ceremonies.

First, I hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break and are ready to get back to the business of teaching and learning tomorrow morning! I look forward to the building coming back to life with our students and staff returning to The Drive!

I am sending this special message to announce new recognition ceremonies that we will be hosting to recognize those students who are achieving at a high academic standard. In cooperation with the PTSA, we will be honoring those students who have cumulative Grade Point Averages of 3.0 and higher at our Honors Recognition Ceremonies. Here is more detailed information on how we will be recognizing these outstanding students:

- We will be basing this recognition off the following data:
 - For Freshmen, it will be their cumulative Grade Point Average at the end of the First Semester.
 - For Sophomores, it will be their cumulative Grade Point Average at the end of the First Semester.
 - For Juniors, it will be their cumulative Grade Point Average at the end of the Third Quarter Grading Period of this year.
 - For Seniors, it will be their cumulative Grade Point Average at the end of the Third Quarter Grading Period of this year.
- We will be honoring students for achieving the following cumulative Grade Point Averages:
 - Summa Cum Laude: Grade Point Average of 4.25 and higher
 - Magna Cum Laude: Grade Point Average of 4.0 - 4.249
 - Cum Laude: Grade Point Average of 3.75 - 3.99
 - Honors: Grade Point Average of 3.0 - 3.749
- There will be 4 short Honors Recognition Programs--one for each Class. They will be held at the following times:
 - Freshmen: Tuesday, April 30th, from 7:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
 - Sophomores: Tuesday, April 30th, from 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
 - Juniors: Thursday, May 2nd, from 7:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
 - Seniors: Thursday, May 2nd, from 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- Students will receive an announcement of their invitation to these Honors Recognition Ceremonies in their Drive Time Class this Friday, April 26th.
- Students will receive their certificate in the period when their Honors Reception Ceremony will be held, and they will use that certificate as their ticket out of class and into the Honors Recognition Ceremony.
- There will be a short ceremony and then the students will have time to get a cookie and refreshments to celebrate. The students will then be released to return to class.

We certainly invite our parents and families to attend these ceremonies. We are excited to add these programs to our school traditions to honor the hard work and academic achievement of our students!

The PTSA is asking for donations and volunteers to assist with these ceremonies. They are asking that families sign-up to send in two dozen cookies or small bottles of water. Refreshments for the Freshman and Sophomore ceremonies should be brought in to the Main Office on Monday, April 29th; and refreshments for the Junior and Senior ceremonies should be brought in to the Main Office on Tuesday, April 30th. Volunteers are needed for each ceremony to help with distributing the programs and setting up the refreshment tables. Please use the [This Sign Up Genius link](#) to assist with our Honors Recognition Ceremony. Thank you.

I am excited to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding academic success of our students and recognize their achievement! It is my hope that this is a new tradition that builds on academic excellence and is something that

students want to be a part of. Thank you for all you do to support our students and help us work together to allow every student to reach his/her ultimate potential!

Please enjoy your evening. I will send out my regular weekly announcements this coming Friday, April 26th. I look forward to a great day of teaching and learning tomorrow! Go JAGS and please take care.