

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

I am sending out this special message early in the week to share two important pieces of information with you all. The first is about a change in our Final Exam Schedule and the second is to request that all of our parents please complete a Parent Survey as part of our preparation for our Accreditation Review that will be happening in February.

To begin with, we have had to make changes to our Final Exam Schedule. Due to new information that we received, we are required to adjust the administration dates of our Teacher-Made Final Exams. Originally, our Teacher-Made Final Exams were scheduled to be given on Wednesday and Thursday, January 10th and 11th. We are now required to move those test administration dates, and we will now be giving our Teacher-Made Final Exams at the same time we were giving our CTE Post-Assessments and our North Carolina Final Exams (NCFE) on Wednesday and Thursday, January 17th and 18th. Thus, Wednesday and Thursday, January 10th and 11th will now be regular school days with no final exams being given. Our Final Exams will begin on Friday, January 12th with the administration of the English II End-Of-Course (EOC) Test, the Math I EOC Test, and the English III NCFE. On Tuesday, January 16th, we will administer the Biology EOC Test. If your student is not taking one of these EOC or NCFE Exams, he/she does not need to come to school those days. Beginning on Wednesday, January 17th, we will have First and Second Period NCFEs, CTE Post-Assessments, and Teacher-Made Exams. On Thursday, January 18th, we will have Third and Fourth Period NCFEs, CTE Post-Assessments, and Teacher-Made Exams. Then, on Friday, January 19th, we will have Make-Up Exams for any students who may have missed a scheduled Exam earlier in the testing schedule. Please see our website to find the Revised Final Exam Schedule (<http://bit.ly/2AYW4GV>). Thank you for your attention to this change in our Final Exam Schedule.

I also would like to inform you of a Parent Survey that I am requesting all of our Parents and Guardians complete. As part of our Accreditation Review scheduled for February, we are required to have Parents respond to survey questions regarding our school. We have posted the Parent Survey on our website (<http://bit.ly/2CEgoOB>), and I would ask that all of our school families take a few minutes to complete this Survey. Please know that the results that we get from this Survey will be used to help us evaluate all aspects of our school program to ensure that we are continually improving and providing the best teaching, learning, and climate for our students and families. Thank you for your assistance as we prepare for our Accreditation Review.

Thank you also, as always, for your support of our students, staff, and school! Please know how much I appreciate that support and how thankful I am to be a part of the Athens Drive family! Please have a great ending to this week, a safe and enjoyable Holiday Break, a wonderful New Year's, and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2018!