

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 (<https://www.wcpss.net/athensdrivehs>), emailed and texted to our school families, and linked to the PTSA Athens Alert newsletter (<https://athensdriveptsa.com>).

Thank you to all our school families who came out to our Meet the Teacher event last night. I appreciate the support you provide our students and our school! It is great to work together to support student achievement.

Parents, please remember that Report Cards were given to students today to bring home. Please be sure to ask your student to show you his/her First Semester grades. I encourage our students who performed well to continue their outstanding academic achievement this Quarter and Semester. I also want to encourage our students who may not be happy with the start they have had to this school year, to remember that this is a clean, fresh, and new start in turning their academic achievement around! One of the benefits of beginning a brand-new Semester is that everybody has a fresh start and there is still time to make a positive difference and finish the year strong!

Seniors, if the College or University that you have applied to requires a Mid-Year Transcript, you must request a copy to be sent from Student Services. A sign-up form is available in the Student Services office. Mid-Year Rank will be run on February 12th; therefore, Mid-Year Transcripts will not be sent to Colleges/Universities until after this date. Students can request a copy of their updated Class Rank after February 12th. Forms are available in the Student Services office.

The PSAT and Pre-ACT results were given to students in Drive Time on Thursday. If you have any questions regarding these scores, please feel free to contact Ms. Brown (tbrown3@wcpss.net or 919-233-4050 Ext. 24898) in Student Services.

The window for registering for Advanced Placement (AP) exams is now open and the link to register on-line is now available on the Athens Drive website (<https://www.wcpss.net/athensdrivehs>). The window for registering for an AP Exam will close on February 26th. All students interested in taking an AP exam must complete registration online registration via www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/343196. Student answer sheets will be formulated from the information that is provided on the on-line system, therefore it is imperative that students complete the on-line registration accurately and completely. Students need to be sure that they utilize their Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) email to register for their AP Exam(s). AP Exams will be administered May 6th through 17th. Please contact Ms. Brown (tbrown3@wcpss.net or 919-233-4050 Ext. 24898) or Ms. Boothe (kboothe@wcpss.net or 919-233-4050 Ext. 24894) in the Student Services office if you have further questions.

I wanted to share some information that we have received from the city of Raleigh. Raleigh Police will begin to enforce the No Parking areas on Jaguar Park Drive. The only parking allowed on Jaguar Park Drive is on the curb area in front of the new Stadium between the No Parking Signs. Otherwise, all other areas on both sides of Jaguar Park Drive (including the gravel road that leads to Williams Stadium) are No Parking. Please understand that the road is narrow, and Emergency Vehicles cannot respond to the Pool, Recreation Center, or Williams Stadium in case of emergency if students are parking in those No Parking areas. Juniors or Seniors who need to drive to school and need a parking space, parking spaces are available on campus for a pro-rated amount for the remainder of the year. Otherwise, if students do not purchase a parking space on campus, they will have to find a space somewhere around campus where they can legally park. Thank you for helping our students take care of this so that our students do not get ticketed for parking illegally around our campus.

Singing Valentines will be on sale Monday, February 11th; Tuesday, February 12th; and Wednesday, February 13th, during lunch and immediately after school. Purchase a song for your student for only \$5.00! Thank you for supporting our Choral program!

Parents of Seniors, if your Senior is interested in applying for one of the three \$500.00 PTSA Scholarships they provide to Graduating Seniors, your Senior must be a member of the PTSA by February 15th. Seniors (and any families that have not joined yet!) can sign-up to be a PTSA member at <https://bit.ly/2MBzHOI>.

In looking ahead, please know that we will be administering the ACT Test to all Juniors on Wednesday, February 20th. The State of North Carolina pays for the administration of the ACT to all Juniors. We shared information with our Juniors during our Drive Time class on Thursday of this week.

Also, on Wednesday, February 20th, please mark your calendar to attend our Curriculum Night and Rising Freshmen Orientation. Curriculum information will be provided for each Class to assist families in preparing for Course Registration. We will have Counselors and Staff members available from all our Departments to assist with sharing curriculum information in addition to information regarding Clubs, Arts, and Athletics. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Carlton, our Career Development Coordinator has asked for Parent Volunteers for our Career Conversations event that will be held on Thursday, February 21st. If you would like help, please sign-up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044eafa923a7fd0-career3>. Thank you!

We are planning a 40th Anniversary Celebration at Athens Drive to be held on Thursday, March 14th. As we celebrate 40 years of excellence at The Drive, we would like to offer all alumni, and families associated with Athens Drive, who are interested in being a part of our Celebration to please email Ms. Tonya Hinton (tchinton@wcpss.net). We would love for alumni, and/or families of alumni, to share photos, stories, and ideas for this upcoming special celebration! We are planning on tours of the school, attendance at athletic events, Band Concert, and a special panel of former principals and school leaders to share stories and answer questions. We look forward to celebrating this milestone together as a school family!

We have a lot to be proud of with regards to our Winter student athletes! Our Cheerleaders performed very well at the Wake County Championships finishing Third, we have Wrestlers and our Swim Team competing in Regional Championships, our Track Team is representing us at the State Meet, and our Basketball Teams continue to play hard during their final regular season games. Tonight, we have our Coming Home Quad with Cary High School, so please come out and support our JAGS! I continue to be proud of the way our student athletes, students, coaches, and families all represent Athens Drive so well. Please be sure to continue to check the Athens Drive Athletics website (www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs) to find out the most up-to-date game dates and times for all athletic events.

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