

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, emailed and texted to our school families, and e-mailed to the Athens Drive PTSA email group.

Thank you to all of 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.

As was discussed last night, we are asking for additional parent support in our PTSA for the rest of this year and in the coming year. I personally want to thank all of the members of the PTSA for the incredible support you provide our students, staff, and school! What a difference you make at Athens Drive! It would be an incredible gift to the school if we could have more awesome volunteers to help lead us in several new opportunities as Class representatives or by serving on the PTSA Board. Thank you for considering these volunteer opportunities. Please plan on attending our next PTSA Meeting that will be held on Tuesday, February 13th, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Library.

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!

The PSAT and Pre-ACT results will be given to students in Drive Time on Monday. If you have any questions regarding these scores, please feel free to contact Ms. Brown in Student Services.

The window for registering for Advanced Placement exams is now open and will remain open until March 5th. All students who are taking an AP Exam must register online via Total Registration. The Total Registration portal is available on the Athens Drive website (www.wcpss.net/athensdrivehs). Our second AP Exam Registration Informational session will be offered on February 8th during A lunch in the Auditorium. This session will provide step by step instructions on the registration process, AP testing timeline, and location of AP exams. Please contact Mrs. Brown in Student Services if you have any additional questions.

I wanted to share some information that we just received from the city of Raleigh today. On Monday, February 5th, weather permitting, the City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department will be tearing up the road on Athens Drive to perform a sewer main repair. The work is scheduled to begin at 7:00 a.m. and end around 6:00 p.m. Traffic on Athens Drive will be limited to one lane, so delays will be expected. This will impact our morning arrival and afternoon dismissal, so please plan accordingly. Thank you!

Please remember that Friday, February 9th is an Early Release Day. All students will be dismissed at 11:35 a.m.

Our students are excited about our Coming Home celebration next week. Spirit days for the week are: Monday is College Day; Tuesday is Tacky Tourist Day; Wednesday is America Day; Thursday is Jersey Day; and Friday is Blue and Orange Day. We will have a Pep Rally on Friday, February 9th (yes, it is also an Early Release), and we will celebrate the Seniors on our Women's Basketball Team that night.

Beginning February 6th, our Chorus will be selling Singing Valentine's outside the Auditorium both during lunch and immediately after school. Sales will continue through lunch on February 13th. Thank you for supporting our Choral program!

The Young Women's Leadership Academy is sponsoring the 3rd annual SHE Leads Conference on March 16th at Southeast Raleigh High School. The conference will feature a guest speaker, breakout sessions, and a college fair. If any of our young ladies are interested in attending this event, please pick up a permission form from the Student Services Office. All permission forms must be returned to Ms. Brown by February 8th.

We have a lot to be proud of with regards to our Winter student athletes! We had our Wrestling Team represent us in the State Playoffs, our Cheerleaders performed very well at the Wake County Championships finishing Fourth, we have Wrestlers and our Swim Team competing in Regional Championships, our Track Team and Gymnastics Team is representing us at the State Meet, and our Basketball Teams play their final regular season games tonight and next week and then we will find out about playoffs for them. I am proud of the way our students 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. 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) for general information to help you stay informed. I hope you all have a safe, wonderful Superbowl weekend. Go JAGS and please take care.