

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.

I hope you all enjoyed quality time with your family during the snow we had this week! Maybe a little too much quality family time....?! ☺ It will be good to get back to the business of teaching and learning next week!

On that note, please see the following information regarding our schedule for next week:

- **Monday, January 22nd:** We will have First and Second Period Final Exams. First Period Final Exams will be held from 7:25 a.m. until 10:25 a.m. Lunch will be from 10:25 a.m. until 11:10 a.m. Second Period Final Exams will be held from 11:15 a.m. until 2:18 p.m. If a student does not have a Final Exam to take during a Testing Period, then that student does not need to be on campus.
- **Tuesday, January 23rd:** We will have Third and Fourth Period Final Exams. Third Period Final Exams will be held from 7:25 a.m. until 10:25 a.m. Lunch will be from 10:25 a.m. until 11:10 a.m. Fourth Period Final Exams will be held from 11:15 a.m. until 2:18 p.m. If a student does not have a Final Exam to take during a Testing Period, then that student does not need to be on campus.
- **Wednesday, January 24th:** We will have Make-Up Final Exams. **If your student does not have to make-up a Final Exam, he/she should not be at school.** We will be administering Make-Up Final Exams, finalizing First Semester grades, and finalizing Second Semester schedules. Please do not send your student to school if he/she does not have a Make-Up Final Exam on Wednesday.
- **Thursday, January 25th:** This is now the first day of the Third Quarter and Second Semester. We will start the day in Drive Time where every student will receive his/her schedule. With regards to beginning the new Semester, it is important that students follow their schedule as finalized. The only schedule changes we will make are for students who have already earned credit for the course, have failed a course and need to re-take the course, or if they have a blank in their schedule. The window for schedule change requests has closed and there will not be an opportunity for students to submit any additional schedule change request forms. If your student is not happy with the start he/she has had to this school year, please encourage him/her to get off to a clean, fresh, and great start next Thursday! 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!

Please remember that students are not allowed to check out before the end of any Testing session. Please prearrange to meet with your student after the Final Exam Period is over if a student is leaving campus. On the Athens Drive website (www.wcpss.net/athensdrivehs) we have posted the Permission form for students to be released after their Exam Period.

Please know that we will still be holding our Senior Breakfast during First Period on Thursday, January 25th. I appreciate all of the work our Senior Parents and PTSA have put into making this a successful event for our Seniors! I look forward to celebrating with our incredible Seniors!

In addition, please know that our Mid-Year Graduation Ceremony will still be held on Thursday, January 25th, at 5:00 p.m. I am excited to honor these Graduates by presenting them with Diplomas next week!

We are in the process of rescheduling our Spirit Week that was supposed to take place next week. We will announce the new festivities once the Student Government finalizes those make-up plans.

In order to keep us all on the same page, please remember that WCPSS has announced make-up days for the days of school we have missed due to inclement weather. They are as follows:

- Thursday, January 4th will be made-up on Monday, January 22nd.
- Friday, January 5th will be made-up on Monday, February 19th.
- Wednesday, January 17th will be made-up on Thursday, March 29th.
- Thursday, January 18th will be made-up on Monday, June 11th.
- Friday, January 19th will be made-up by using banked instructional time and not require a make-up day.

Due to the inclement weather, the Dance Call for the *In The Heights* Musical will be moved to **MONDAY, JANUARY 29th**. Attendance at this Dance Call is mandatory. Individual audition appointments for **singing** and **acting** will **remain** on **Thursday January 25th** and **Friday January 26th**. Additional Audition information can be found on Mrs. Hayes' classroom website (<http://bit.ly/2CUZr69>). Please note that no student can audition without a parent or guardian signature on their audition form. Crew applications will be accepted through Friday, January 26th. For more information, please email Mrs. Hayes at ahayes3@wcpss.net.

Please know that we will still be holding our Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, February 1st. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

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| 5:30 | - | 5:55 | Senior Parent Meeting/PTSA Meeting in Cafeteria |
| 6:00 | - | 6:15 | First Period |
| 6:22 | - | 6:37 | Second Period |
| 6:44 | - | 6:59 | Third Period |
| 7:06 | - | 7:21 | Fourth Period |

Please remember that Student Services will not be able to sign driver's eligibility forms until all grades are final for the First Semester. Thus, driver's eligibility forms will not be signed from now through February 1st to ensure that all grades are stored and finalized so that we can verify that students have met the educational requirement for DMV. We will resume signing DMV forms on February 2nd.

Please check the Athens Drive Athletics website (www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs) for all of our game dates, times, and rescheduled athletic events. Thank you for supporting our incredible student athletes!

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, warm, and enjoyable weekend. Go JAGS and please take care.