

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 would like to thank all of our students and families for your support of our efforts during Final Exams over the last week(s)! I appreciate your understanding of the changes in schedules due to the inclement weather we experienced. Our students took over 4,000 State mandated assessments on top of the thousands of teacher-made Final Exams that were administered. I appreciated our students' efforts to finish the Semester strong. Please remember that we started the Second Semester of the 2017 – 2018 school year on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. First Semester Report Cards go home with students next Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please know that we will be holding our Meet the Teacher Night next week on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

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 plan on coming to our PTSA meeting that will begin in the Cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. to find out information on how you can support our students and school. Parents of Seniors will also be receiving important information at this meeting, so if you are a parent of a Senior, please plan on attending.

I reminded students, but I would like our school families to remember as well, that we will begin Tardy Sweeps again on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. We give students the first three days of our new Semester to find their classrooms and find the best routes to take to get to each class. Thank you for your support of our efforts to ensure that students are in class, on-time, and ready to learn at the beginning of each class period.

Two of the biggest events for our Seniors happened yesterday. Major THANK YOU'S you to our amazing Senior Parents who helped us kick off the Last First Day of a Semester for our Seniors! Our Seniors were treated to breakfast, music, and an incredible amount of door prizes. What a great way to begin their final Semester of school! Then, Thursday evening we celebrated our Mid-Year Graduation and presented Diplomas to our Mid-Year Graduates. What an honor it was for us to acknowledge and celebrate the hard work and efforts of our Seniors who have earned their Diploma and Graduated early!

The dance call portion of the *In the Heights* audition was rescheduled to Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a mandatory part of the audition process and there will only be one dance call date. The cast list will be posted next week. If you have questions, please email Mrs. Hayes at [ahayes3@wcpss.net](mailto:ahayes3@wcpss.net). Break-a-leg to all students auditioning!

Our Chorus will be selling singing Valentines at Meet The Teacher Night and will be set up outside of the Auditorium throughout the evening. Also, beginning February 6<sup>th</sup>, Chorus will sell singing Valentines outside the Auditorium both during lunch and immediately after school. Sales will continue through lunch on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support of our Chorus program.

Please remember that we will have completed storing and finalizing grades on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Thus, we will resume signing DMV forms on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

As another reminder, WCPSS has announced make-up days for the days of school we have missed due to inclement weather. They are as follows:

- Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> will be made-up on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> will be made-up on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> will be made-up on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

- Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> will be made-up by using banked instructional time and not require a make-up day.

Please be sure to check the Athens Drive Athletics website ([www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs](http://www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs)) to find out game dates and times of our Winter Sports. We are moving into the final weeks and games of the season and into Conference Championships and our teams have had an outstanding Winter. I am very proud of the efforts of all of our student athletes.

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