

Good afternoon, this is Steve Mares, principal of Athens Drive Magnet High School, with a special announcement for Friday, March 20th. 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>).

As we continue to face ever-changing information as we move forward in our response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), things continue to evolve regarding the Wake County Public School System (WCPSS), State, and National response. Please know that the information that I am providing is the latest information that I have to share and as I get additional, updated decisions, I will share that information with you all. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work to support students and families during this pandemic.

TEACHING AND LEARNING: Today, WCPSS sent all families information related to a new Remote Learning Resources [website](#) that has been built to support our students and families during this school closure. I have been receiving emails from families asking about instruction, year-end testing, Advanced Placement Exams, etc. I can share that WCPSS wants to help ensure students have resources that supplement, reinforce, and allow students to practice skills taught. Our teachers are also working on resources for students to utilize during this school closure as well. Students are welcome to reach out to their teachers and use their websites to link to resources. Please know that our teachers are working with WCPSS with regards to what instruction may/will look like if this school closure lasts longer than through next week. It is almost assuredly going to, and please know that we are evaluating a variety of options to provide teaching and learning beyond next week.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) TESTING: The College Board has made the decision that **traditional face-to-face test administration will not take place for the 2019 – 2020 school year**. Students will be taking their exam from **home** on a computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. The exam will only cover material taught up to early March and the link below shows which units each exam subject will cover. This leaves students with two options on how they would like to proceed:

- Take the AP exam at home with a choice of two different dates (one will be sooner for students who want to take the exam while content is still fresh and the other will be later for students who want more time to prepare). These dates will be announced on April 3rd.
- Cancel any exam at no additional cost

Starting March 25th there will be an abundance of resources for students to access to help prepare for the AP exam including live AP review course webinars, practice questions, etc. Please see the Free Remote Learning Resources link below to find the webinar dates:

- [AP Updates from College Board](#)
- [Free Remote Learning Resources](#)

If any student would like to cancel his/her AP exam, please email our AP Coordinator, Ms. Boothe (kboothe@wcpss.net). Also, if any student will not have access to internet and/or a device to

complete their AP exam from home, please let Ms. Boothe know as well and further information will be provided.

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION: I received this information this afternoon from WCPSS and wanted to share it with you in this message. Please know that our Counselors are available to assist you with regards to questions you may have. Here is the information:

As we move forward over the next couple of weeks (and possibly beyond) the district's Central Records department will be supporting all transcript requests for students. Pick-up options are not available at Central Records as all Crossroads buildings are closed to the public. However, we can manage requests electronically and via mail.

Students should be directed to ScribOrder for all requests (other than CFNC) and Central Records will handle the requests.

Because this is a national emergency, most colleges/universities/scholarships will be pushing back their deadlines. However, if a student should need a paper copy of their transcript, the following three options will be available:

1. They can receive an unofficial transcript mailed directly to them
2. We can mail an official transcript to the scholarship committee or coordinator
3. We can mail an official transcript home for them to add to their scholarship packet – the envelope will be signed and sealed, and we will put it in a second envelope for mailing. This is a temporary option available only while students are not able to pick up official transcripts at their high school or at Central Records.

Students will need to ask for Option #3 in the “special instructions” section. Again – this is a temporary option based on current circumstances.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please reach out to Ms. Brown (tbrown3@wcpss.net), our Dean of Students.

REGISTRATION FOR 2020 – 2021 CLASSES: Please understand that we were well on our way to meeting with every student to support their Registration for courses for the 2020 – 2021 school year. Unfortunately, it does not seem possible at this time for us to make this happen before the end of the school year. So, in order to ensure that we get Registration information for every student, we need to ask students and their families to assist us in getting every student registered for classes. For those students that were unable to meet with a Counselor to complete course registration, a Course Registration [form](#) has been created. Please complete the form accurately and correctly because our Counselors will utilize the information provided on this form to input Course Registration into PowerSchool. All registration information, course listings, timelines, High School Planning Guide, and Course Descriptions are located [here](#) on the Athens Drive website (click on the “Students” tab and then “Course Registration.”). If students have questions regarding course registration, please know that they can email their Counselor directly. Here is contact information for our Counselors:

Student Last Name	Counselor Name	Counselor Email
A-Di	Mrs. Telfair	stelfair@wcpss.net
Do-La	Ms. Boothe	kboothe@wcpss.net
Le-Ri	Mr. Wright	jwright@wcpss.net
Ro-Z	Mrs. Hegarty	chegarty@wcpss.net

Please remember these helpful hints for Course Registration:

1. Students should register for the 8 primary courses and 3 alternate courses that they wish to take and make sure that there are 3 alternates. **ALTERNATE COURSES SHOULD BE COURSES STUDENTS ARE WILLING TO TAKE. STUDENT SERVICES WILL NOT CHANGE A COURSE IF THE STUDENT HAS REGISTERED FOR IT AS A PRIMARY OR AN ALTERNATE.**
2. Students in the STEM Academy should register for the STEM section for English I-V, Math (II & III only), Social Studies, & Science (Biology & Chemistry Only). These courses will be denoted with a W at the end of the course code.
3. Students in the HSCA Academy (beginning with the Class of 2022) will be cohorted in their English and Social Studies courses. These students should register for:
 - a. Class of 2023: 10225X0C-English II (H) and 43045X0C- American History (H) or AP Human Geography or AP US History
 - b. Class of 2022: 10235X0C-English III (H) and 43055X0C-American History II or AP US History.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Counselors to support the accurate selection of courses for your student! Thank you for your support!

FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT ATHENS DRIVE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL: I am very excited to announce that we have worked with WCPSS to be added to the list of schools who are providing breakfast and lunches to our school families. Beginning Monday, March 23rd, our Cafeteria Staff will be producing lunches and breakfasts for families to pick up for their students. Meals will be picked up curbside outside of the front entrance of the school building from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please know that you will not be required to show ID and students do not have to be present with you to pick up food. As a reminder from my last message, please know that there are three types of food offerings:

- **WCPSS food sites:** hot lunches for the day and breakfast for the next day (available for all children aged 18 and under)
- **Western region sites:** at least one meal (available for all children aged 18 and under)
- **Inter-Faith Food Shuttle Mobile Market:** pre-packed boxes of perishable and shelf-stable food items (available for everyone)

Locations and Times

WCPSS Food Sites:

Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- Poe Magnet Elementary School, 400 Peyton St., Raleigh
- Rogers Lane Elementary School, 201 N. Rogers Lane, Raleigh
- Creech Road Elementary School, 450 Creech Road, Garner
- Wendell Middle School, 3409 NC Hwy. 97, Wendell
- Zebulon Magnet Elementary School, 700 Proctor St., Zebulon
- Millbrook Magnet Elementary School, 1520 E. Millbrook Dr., Raleigh
- Briarcliff Elementary School, 1220 Pond St., Cary
- Pine Acres Community Center, 402 McLean St., Fuquay-Varina
- PAVE SE Raleigh Charter School, 3420 Idlewood Village Dr., Raleigh
- Wake County Human Services Northern Regional Center, 350 Holding Ave., Wake Forest
- Washington Terrace Apartments, 1951 Booker Dr., Raleigh
- Millbank Court Apartments, 1500 N. Raleigh Blvd., Raleigh
- The Oaks Apartments, 590 Lipscombe Ct, Raleigh
- Casa De Luna Apartments, 3819 Bonneville Court, Raleigh
- Juniper Level Baptist Church, 9104 Sauls Road, Raleigh
- Fox Hall Village, 5909 Fox Hall Village Road, Raleigh
- And Beginning on Monday, March 23rd:
 - Dillard Drive Elementary School
 - Hodge Road Elementary School
 - Fox Road Elementary School
 - Bugg Elementary School
 - Fuller Elementary School
 - Baileywick Elementary School
 - Reedy Creek Elementary School
 - Forestville Elementary School
 - Knightdale Elementary School
 - Athens Drive Magnet High School
 - Hunter Elementary School

Western Region Sites:

- Apex First Baptist, 419 S. Salem St., Apex
Mon. and Wed., 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Arbors at Cary Apartments, 200 Wrenn Dr., Cary
Mon. - Thurs., 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Chatham Forest Apartments, 880 Glendale Dr., Cary
Tues. and Thurs., 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Crosstimbers Apartments, 900 Golden Horseshoe Cir., Morrisville
Mon. - Fri., 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
- First United Methodist, 117 S. Academy St., Cary
Mon. - Fri., 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.
- Holly Springs United Methodist Church, 108 Avent Ferry Rd, Holly Springs
Tues. - Thurs., 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Inter-Faith Food Shuttle Mobile Market Sites:

- Community Helpers Service Center, 111 N. First Ave., Knightdale (Drive-thru)
Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Wake Forest Baptist Church, 107 S. Ave., Wake Forest
Third Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Starting soon:

- Beginning March 21
 - Cross Point Community Church, 1001 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale (Drive-thru)
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Beginning March 28
 - Abundant Life Cathedral, 4400 Old Poole Road, Raleigh
Fourth Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 - Praise Temple Mobile Market, 1329, U.S. Hwy 70, Garner
Fourth Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Beginning April 11
 - Martin Street Baptist Church, 1001 E. Martin St., Raleigh
Second Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Beginning April 18
 - Bread for Life Mobile Market at Zebulon Boys & Girls Club, 1320 Shepard School Road, Zebulon
Third Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Please share this information with any students/families that you know could benefit from this service. Thank you for your support in helping us care for our school family!

THANK YOU AND TAKE CARE: I continue to be thankful to be a part of such an incredible school family. I think about my Athens family all day, every day, and I hope you all are safe, taking care of yourself, taking care of your loved ones, and doing what we need to in order to all take care of each other. I am so appreciative of the First Responders (who include many of our former students, families, etc.) who are doing so much good work to take care of all of us—often at the risk of their own health. My heart hurts for those members of our school family who are suffering with the loss of jobs, food insecurity, and other challenges due to COVID-19. Please know that we are in this together and I look forward to the day that we can gather again as a school family to celebrate together and return to making every day a great day of teaching and learning! It will happen and we will get through this. I continue to be grateful that I have the honor of serving with such incredible students, amazing staff, and dedicated families! Please continue to take care of yourself, your families, and each other as we progress through this pandemic. Go JAGS!