

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.

Please remember that tomorrow, Saturday, November 11th, is Veterans Day. While the students had a day off today from school in honor of this holiday, I would ask that we all take time this weekend to reflect on the incredible sacrifices that our Veterans, both active and retired, have made serving our country. For our parents and families who are Veterans, we thank you very much and honor you for your service.

Tomorrow is also the big day of our 5th Annual Athens Drive Mattress Fundraiser! On Saturday, November 11th, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Athens Drive Magnet High School Cafeteria we will have this incredible mattress sale to benefit our Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Visual Arts, PTSA, JAG Club, and Theatre! Information can be found at Facebook.com/CFSRaleigh/Events. Thank you for your support.

Don't forget that tonight our Jaguar football team travels to Pinecrest High School for a First Round Playoff game! Feel free to take a road trip to support our student athletes! I am proud of our team and wish them well as they represent The Drive tonight at Pinecrest!

I would like to give a huge "Thank You" to all of parents, staff, and students who helped us prepare for and share information about Athens Drive Magnet High School at the Magnet Fair last Saturday. We had a lot of interest shown in our school and it was wonderful to provide information about The Drive to prospective students and families. We do have a fantastic school family, and it was wonderful to be able to share the great things going on at Athens Drive!

I look forward to opening our school on Thursday night, November 16th, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at our Magnet Theme Showcase Open House to share additional information with prospective families. Once again, I would like to thank all of our families, students, and staff who will be here sharing information with students and families who are interested in attending Athens Drive. Thank you for letting interested families know about this great opportunity to visit our school!

Our PTSA is having a meeting on Tuesday, November 14th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. I would invite all of our school family to join us at this PTSA meeting. Thank you for your support!

The Athens Drive Theatre Department is proud to present The Greek Mythology *Olympiaganza* this Friday and Saturday, November 17th and 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Athens Drive Magnet High School Auditorium. This exciting show features two battling narrators that attempt to cover the entirety of Greek Mythology using a host of non-traditional gender roles, audience participation, and general theatrical insanity. On the Athens Drive stage, audiences will see famous myths such as Pandora's Box, Jason and the Argonauts (the original Super Friends), and Hercules: Intern God jostle for space with obscure, weird myths such as the myth of Linus and the legend of the Argus. The finale will include a wonderfully bizarre, musical dance-influenced version of The Iliad complete with a battle of little green army men. Don't let the name fool you; this play is wild, silly, and a complete blast for audiences of all ages! Tickets will be sold at the door for \$7.00.

We will continue our celebration of College Application Week, Monday through Friday of next week. College representatives from William Peace University, Fayetteville State University, Wake Tech Community College, and NC Wesleyan College will be on our campus to provide information and answer questions. Additionally, several of our North Carolina Colleges are waiving their application fees during College Application week and we encourage our Seniors to take advantage of this excellent opportunity if they have not already applied to college. You can see a list of participating colleges at: <https://app.box.com/s/eog9npstrtjy44qu9y99>. We will also have Counselors available in the Library to assist students with their college applications. We will end College Application Week on Friday with College Shirt Day. All students and staff are asked to wear their favorite college shirt or sweatshirt on Friday, November 17th. Please contact Mr. Wright in Student Services if you have questions about our College Application Week activities.

On Tuesday night, November 14th, please come out to City Barbeque in Cary (1305 Kildaire Farm Road) for the Athens Drive Band's *Let's Eat!* Fundraiser! Make a purchase and present [this flyer](#) (printed copy or on your phone), and 25% of your purchase will be donated to the band boosters. Thank you for your support of our band program while you are enjoying a delicious meal!

Our Band has started its annual Fruit/Nut Fundraiser. All orders are due by Monday, November 13th and all orders can be picked up from the Band Hallway the afternoon of Friday, December 8th. Please ask any Band student if you want to place an order. Thank you for your support of our award-winning band!

Please remember that Yearbooks are on sale now for the 2017 – 2018 school year. The Torch is a full-color yearbook production that covers all the events that take place at The Drive throughout the year. Please go the Yearbook website (<https://athensdriveyearbook.weebly.com>) for details and to purchase your yearbook.

Please remember that our Winter Sports season begins next week. We look forward to our students competing in many sports, so please check the Athens Drive athletic website (www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs) for more information about game dates and times and thank you for your support 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) for general information to help you stay informed. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Go JAGS and please take care.