

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 (<https://www.wcpss.net/athensdrivehs>), emailed and texted to our school families, and linked to the PTSA Athens Alert newsletter (<https://athensdriveptsa.com>).

## **NEW OR UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**FALL PLAY:** I saw our Fall Play last night and was once again amazed at the talent of our students! It is obvious so many students have put in a tremendous amount of work to present our Fall Play, *16 in Ten Minutes or Less*. Tonight, Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, is the final performance. If you did not get a chance to see the Fall Play last night, please come out tonight and enjoy a great night at the Theatre! The performance will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and take place in the Auditorium. Tickets are \$7.00 and will be sold at the door. This year's Fall Play is a little different than past productions, in that it is a collection of 10, ten minute plays and focuses on the intertwined lives of high school students and the impact of social media, bullying, and just trying to fit in to a new place.

**SPRING MUSICAL AUDITIONS:** Spring Musical Auditions are going to be held next week. Auditions for *9 to 5, the Musical*, will be held on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> in the Chorus Room. Additionally, for those planning to audition, there is a mandatory Dance Call on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. No student will be cast without attending the Dance Call. In order to audition, students must pick up an audition form from Ms. Hayes (Trailer 6), complete the form, and have it signed by their parent or guardian. Students without their parent or guardian's signature are ineligible for casting. After picking up an audition form, students should sign up for an audition slot on the Call Board located outside of the Chorus Room. Students planning to audition must select their own audition song and bring in their own music. Information on how to select music and how to properly cut it was reviewed in a workshop. Students that were unable to attend the workshop may see Ms. Hayes or Mr. Santangelo for a workshop packet. For students that are more interested in helping-out backstage, crew applications are also available in Ms. Hayes' room. Please note that filling out a crew application does not guarantee acceptance onto the crew. The technical crew will be limited to 35 students, so please only apply if you are a hardworking and dedicated student. If parents or students have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Hayes ([ahayes3@wcpss.net](mailto:ahayes3@wcpss.net)) for additional information. Due to the adult nature of some of the material portrayed in *9 to 5, the Musical*, viewer recommendation for this Musical will be individuals aged 12 and up.

**MAKE-UP PRE-ACT FOR SOPHOMORES:** Please know that students who were not able to take the Pre-ACT this past Tuesday will be offered a Make-Up opportunity on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Students who still need to take the Pre-ACT next Wednesday will need to bring 2 #2 pencils, a calculator, and a photo ID in order to be admitted to this test administration. We will be operating on a Regular Bell Schedule that day, but we will not be ringing bells until 12:05 p.m.

**SENIOR CLASS PHOTO:** The Class of 2020 will be taking their whole class group photo in the Upper Gym on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Seniors should have received a flyer in their Drive Time class with information for those wanting to purchase the large panoramic picture for \$15.00. Please know that this picture can be purchased online by visiting [www.strawbridge.net](http://www.strawbridge.net) and then following the online instructions using the code: FM318608.

**PTSA MEETING:** The November PTSA meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. All families are welcome to attend.

**COLLEGES VISITING ATHENS DRIVE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL:** Please know that we continue to have representatives from universities meeting with our students during the school day. University representatives are normally located in the area outside of the Attendance Office during both lunch periods. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn about the various programs that are available, admission requirements, and financial aid. For more information on the colleges that are visiting, you can contact Student Services (919-233-4050 ext. 24893) or visit the Student Services website (<http://adhs-student->

[services.weebly.com](http://services.weebly.com)). On Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, Living Arts College will be on campus during both Lunches to meet with students.

**FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE:** For planning purposes, we have posted the First Semester Final Exam Schedule to this [link](#) on Athens Drive Magnet High School website. Please know that all students must take their Final Exams as scheduled, so please be sure that you plan any appointments, etc. outside of the Final Exam Schedule for your student. Another important reminder is that students do not need to be on campus if they do not have a Final Exam scheduled. Due to the number of staff required to administer the variety of Final Exams that we give, only students who have an assigned Final Exam need to be on campus. More information will be provided to students as our Final Exam period approaches to ensure each student is aware of his/her Final Exam schedule.

**CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION DAY THANK YOU:** A big THANK YOU to all the staff, students, and families who worked last Saturday to beautify our campus! I appreciate your care and assistance to make our “house” shine!

**GYMNASTICS TEAM SHOUT-OUT:** Our top Fall Team accomplishment for the Fall Athletic Season was our Gymnastics Team that finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the State Championships this past weekend! We even had a Gymnast finish 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the State! Well done and congratulations!

**ATHLETICS:** Thank you to all the families who attended our Winter Sports Parent Meeting on Wednesday night! I appreciate your support of our athletic program and look forward to an incredible Winter season. Our competitions for our Winter Sports begin next week, so please check the Athens Drive athletic website ([www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs](http://www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs)) for more information about game dates and times of all events. I am thankful to serve with so many caring and dedicated coaches and student athletes who provide a positive example and display outstanding sportsmanship as they represent The Drive!

**THANK YOU:** Those are all 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 and to help you stay informed. I hope you all enjoy a fantastic weekend! Go JAGS and please take care.

#### **REMINDER ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKLY MESSAGES:**

**MAGNET RECRUITING SEASON:** Our Magnet recruiting season has begun! We will continue to host tours in the coming weeks and months, and we look forward to showcasing the great things that are happening at Athens Drive. I appreciate your support as we work to share information about our school, Magnet Program, and school family with interested families. Please visit the [Magnet Information](#) portion of our Athens Drive website to find information regarding our Medical Sciences and Global Health Initiatives Magnet program.

**TUTORING PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:** I am pleased to announce that our National Honor Society (NHS) will be offering a new tutoring opportunity for any Athens Drive students. NHS will have tutors in the Media Center collaborative space every Monday during both “A” and “B” Lunches. NHS will match students and tutors based on their needs when they arrive at the tutoring session. Please let your students know about this resource and encourage them to participate if they need help. The first tutoring session will be this coming Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. All students are welcome!

**STUDENT SERVICES WEBSITE:** Please visit the [Student Services Website](#) to get information about upcoming events, scholarship opportunities, enrichment opportunities in the community, etc. You can also sign-up for the Student Services Remind message to get up-to-date information for each Class. Sign-up information is located outside of the Student Services office or on the Student Services website.

**YEARBOOKS:** Yearbooks are currently on sale for \$80.00 through the yearbook [website](#). Prices will increase in December, so please make sure you purchase now for your lowest price option.

**SENIOR CLASS REMIND SIGN-UP:** Senior parents, Mr. Remaley is our Senior Advisor and he does an outstanding job communicating with our Seniors and Senior families. Please know that now is the time to join Mr. Remaley's Senior Text Message group! You can send the text message: @theremaley to the number 81010 (or you can use 919-800-0977) to sign up today! This is the BEST way to stay current with Senior information, so you don't miss a thing!

**JOIN THE PTSA REMINDER:** Please remember that it is still not too late to join the PTSA! The PTSA is an amazing support to the teaching and learning at Athens Drive Magnet High School and I ask that you please join if you have not already. You can use this [link](#) to access member information. Thank you very much to those families that have already joined!

**BAND DEWEY'S HOLIDAY STORE:** The Band has opened their Dewey's Bakery for the Holiday Season as a fundraiser! The store will offer cheese straws, cookies, sugar cakes, coffee, and many other delicious treats. This inaugural Dewey's Bakery Holiday Fundraiser Store is now open and will remain open through Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the Band's Dewey's Fundraiser [website](#) for details.

**BAND FRUIT AND NUT SALE:** The Band's annual Fruit and Nut sale has started and will run through Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, with delivery on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. You can place your order with any member of our Band, or visit the Band's Fruit and Nut Sale [website](#) for details and ordering. Thank you for your support!

**GRADUATION:** I am fired up to announce that our Graduation date and time for our Class of 2020 has been finalized! Our Seniors will be Graduating on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Reynolds Coliseum! Please note the change in venue for this year—the Class of 2020 will be Graduating at Reynolds Coliseum instead of the Raleigh Convention Center. Please be sure to save this date and time to celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2020! In addition, Seniors need to also be sure they attend the mandatory Graduation Rehearsal on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Reynolds Coliseum.

**ATHENS DRIVE SPIRIT WEAR:** JAG Junction, the store located in the Gym Lobby where we sell Jaguar shirts and other items, will be open every Wednesday and Thursday, during both "A" and "B" lunches. If your student wants any Jaguar attire, this is a great opportunity for him/her to purchase it. Thank you!

**ATHLETICS—PAWS AND BRICKS:** Our Athletic Booster Club, the JAG Club, will be selling customized bricks and paws at the entrance to JAG Stadium again this year. If you are interested in purchasing one for your student athlete, please visit this link ([Paws and Bricks](#)). If you have questions, contact Diane Huggins ([dianeshuggins@yahoo.com](mailto:dianeshuggins@yahoo.com)).

**ATHLETICS—JAG CLUB:** Are you interested in helping with the JAG Club this year? Please email Lori Airee ([my6blessings@yahoo.com](mailto:my6blessings@yahoo.com)) for more information on how to become involved.

**ATHLETICS—SPORTS PASSES:** Sports passes are now available for the 2019 – 2020 school year. Sports passes are good for admission to all Athens Drive Athletics home events, except for Endowment Games and Playoff Games. You can purchase Sports passes for the coming year at this link (<https://www.athensdrivejagclub.org/membership/>).