

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:

GOOD STUFF! What a great week at The Drive! Our Band brought home more hardware from their last competition, including the Grand Champion award; our Men's Soccer Team won in the First Round of the State Playoffs and will play tonight in the Second Round of the State Championship; our Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble held a fantastic concert on Tuesday Night; we inducted 25 new students into our Tri-M Honor Society; Seniors again ordered their Class Rings, Caps and Gowns, and other Senior items as we move closer to Graduation; we had two students qualify for the State Championship for Cross Country; we held tryouts for our Winter Sports; we are holding our final rehearsals in preparation for our Fall Play; we have a student performing with the National Music Education Association Honor Band in Orlando, Florida this weekend and is one of approximately 100 students from across the United States who were selected for this elite Honor Band; we had students raise donations to support a variety of organizations; we welcomed over a hundred families to The Drive who are interested in attending Athens Drive next year at our Magnet Theme Showcase Open House last night; and we wrapped up the First Quarter of teaching and learning in a positive manner to name just a **few** of the amazing things going on! We have a lot to be proud of at The Drive, and I want to thank all of you for all your support in allowing us to serve your (our!) students!

REPORT CARDS WERE SENT HOME TODAY: Parents, please remember that Report Cards were sent home today so please be expecting your student to share them with you this afternoon. We have already begun a new Quarter, so let's encourage our students to take on the Second Quarter with a renewed commitment to academic excellence!

CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION DAY—TOMORROW, SAURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH: Fall weather is finally arriving! Please join the PTSA Gardens & Grounds volunteers for our Fall Beautification Day tomorrow, Saturday, November 9th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We need help cleaning up the gardens around campus and making The Drive shine! This event is a chance for parents, students, and staff to spend time together having fun and improving our school. This is also a great opportunity for students to earn Service Hours! Please click on the following Sign Up Genius [link](#) for more information. Thank you for your support of this effort!

VETERAN'S DAY—NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH: Please remember that Monday, November 11th, is Veterans Day. Our students will not have school on Monday, November 11th, in honor of this holiday. I would ask that we all take time this weekend and on Monday 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, I thank you very much and honor you for your service!

PRE-ACT FOR SOPHOMORES: Please know that the Pre-ACT will be given to all eligible 10th Grade students on Tuesday, November 12th. The Pre-ACT is a practice test that predicts how a student will perform on the ACT. Students 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, and we will not be ringing bells until 12:05 p.m.

FALL PLAY: The Athens Drive Magnet High School Fall Play, *16 in Ten Minutes or Less*, is next week on Thursday, November 14th and Friday, November 15th. Both performances will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and take place in the Auditorium. This year's Fall Play 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. Nearly forty students are involved in this year's production and all have worked tirelessly to create this awesome show. This show is appropriate for all ages, so bring the family out as well! Tickets are \$7.00 and will be sold at the door. I look forward to seeing our talented students perform!

SPRING MUSICAL AUDITIONS: With the closing of the Fall Play, that means that the Spring Musical Auditions are just around the corner! Auditions for *9 to 5, the Musical*, will be held on Tuesday, November 19th and Wednesday, November 20th in the Chorus Room. Additionally, for those planning to audition, there is a mandatory Dance Call on Monday, November 18th. 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) 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.

WINTER PERCUSSION CLINICS AND AUDITIONS: A clinic for the Athens Drive Magnet High School Winter Percussion is going to be held on Tuesday, November 12th from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the Band Room. Winter Percussion Auditions will take place Wednesday and Thursday, November 13th and 14th from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Winter Percussion is the indoor complement to the Percussion Unit of the Marching Band and any Athens Drive student is welcome to participate. Winter Percussion rehearses November through March, with competitions in February and March. Please address any questions to percussionsupport@athensdriveband.com.

WINTER SPORTS PARENT MEETING: If your student is playing a Winter Sport, we will hold a Winter Sport Parent meeting on Wednesday, November 13th beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Gym. We will also be honoring a few students who are signing their National Letter of Intents to pursue athletics in college!

SENIOR BREAKFAST INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Our Senior Breakfast is a wonderful tradition at Athens Drive to celebrate the start of the Final Semester for our Seniors! It is hard to believe that it is time to start planning for this event, as many volunteers and donations are required to make this event a success! There will be a Senior Breakfast Information meeting for all interested parents on Tuesday, November 12th, from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in Mr. Remaley's Room, Room 2618. Please come and learn more about this fun event for the Class of 2020!

SENIORS: Senior families, thanks to all of you who have ordered your Cap and Gown from Jostens! At this point, over half of our Senior Class has already placed their order, which is awesome! There are still some who have yet to order and Jostens will return to campus one last time on Wednesday, December 18th during both lunches in the Gym Lobby. Please remember that you can always order online anytime at www.jostens.com. Please also remember that the Graduation Fee of \$60.00 must be paid to the school either by dropping off payment to the Main Office or by using the Online Payment System on the school's website. The Graduation Fee must be paid before any Senior can participate in Graduation.

SENIOR CLASS PHOTO: The Class of 2020 will be taking their whole class group photo in the Upper Gym on Tuesday, November 19th during Drive Time. Seniors should have received a flyer in their Drive Time class today with information for those wanting to purchase the large panoramic picture. Please know that this picture can be purchased online by visiting www.strawbridge.net and then follow the online instructions using the code: FM318608.

SENIOR QUOTE: Senior Quotes are due to the Yearbook Staff by Friday, November 15th! Visit the Yearbook [link](#) on the Athens Drive website to access the Google Doc.

BAND DEWEY'S HOLIDAY STORE: Beginning tomorrow, the Band will be opening and operating a 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 will be open tomorrow, Saturday, November 9th through Tuesday, December 24th. Please refer to the Band's Dewey's Fundraiser [website](#) for details.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE HEALTH SCIENCE CAREER ACADEMY: This year our Health Science Career Academy is offering sweet and savory breads, specialty coffees, and pies from Fresh Market. The deadline to order these items is Friday, November 15th at 5:00 p.m. The pick-up date for all items will be Friday, November 22nd, from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in Room 1927. For more information on this fundraiser, please visit this [link](#). If you would like to pay by Venmo, please use username: ADMHS-HSA. Please note in the comments your purchases for the fundraiser. Thank you for your support!

ATHLETICS: Please remember that we have our final regular season football game tonight at Cary High School beginning at 8:00 p.m. Our soccer team is also playing their Second Round Playoff game tonight at Leesville Road at 6:30 p.m. tonight. Winter sports begin competition soon, 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.

THANK YOU!: Those are all the announcements for this week. Please continue to check the Athens Drive website (www.wcpss.net/athensdrivehs) for general information and to help you stay informed. I hope you all enjoy a wonderful, long 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 7th. All students are welcome!

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>).

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 FRUIT AND NUT SALE: The Band's annual Fruit and Nut sale has started and will run through Monday, November 18th, with delivery on Friday, December 13th. 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!

CHORUS FUNDRAISER: Chorus is planning a trip this year to Nashville to participate in the Heritage Choral Festival, and they are raising funds to help offset the cost for students. One of those Fundraisers is providing Butterbraids/Cookie Dough/Coffee Beans purchases through Legacy Fundraising. If you have any interest in purchasing something to support our Chorus, please click this [link](#) to order. All orders and payments take place on-line, and the products will be delivered to the Chorus room on Thursday, November 14th and can be picked up immediately after school. All profits from this sale will go towards offsetting the cost of the trip for our students. Thank you for your support of our students!

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 10th, 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 8th, 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).

ATHLETICS—JAG CLUB: Are you interested in helping with the JAG Club this year? Please email Lori Airee (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/>).