

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:

HOMECOMING: Please know once again how proud I am to be a JAG! Students have done an outstanding job with our Spirit Week festivities this week concluding with a great Pep Rally in the stadium for the entire student body. I am proud of the fact that our students can have both a fun week and maintain a positive learning environment! I look forward to tonight's Homecoming football game against Green Hope High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.

MARCHING BAND: If you want to take a road trip to listen to outstanding music and see incredible Marching Band shows, tomorrow, Saturday, October 12th, our Marching Band will be competing in Jacksonville, North Carolina at the White Oak High School competition. This show will also feature the East Carolina University Marching Pirates! Our Band does an outstanding job representing The Drive, and I look forward to seeing the new hardware they will bring home from this competition!

FAMILIES OF SENIORS: Next week is a big week for Seniors! On Tuesday, during Drive-Time, the Seniors will have an Assembly to get Cap & Gown ordering information. Jostens is our Senior Apparel vendor and they will be providing order packets to every Senior in the Assembly, so parents please be sure to ask for it when you see them Tuesday night! If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Remaley (cremaley@wcpss.net), our Senior Class Advisor. Also, Senior families, next week is the Senior Picture Make-up days on Wednesday, October 16th, and Thursday, October 17th during the school day in the Auditorium. Seniors were given their Appointment Cards in Drive Time this week and that card is their pass to get out of class (they will need to show it to their teacher) and report to the Auditorium for their Senior Picture Make-Up Appointment. Seniors who miss this Senior Picture Make-Up session will then have to go directly to Strawbridge Studios to have their Senior Pictures made. Please remember that in order to be in the Yearbook you must have your pictures taken by Strawbridge Studios. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Remaley (cremaley@wcpss.net).

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INVITATIONS: Juniors and Seniors who met eligibility requirements to join the National Honor Society received invitations this week notifying them that they can complete the application to have consideration for inductions into the National Honor Society in November. Please be sure that you communicate with your student if you have any questions.

PSAT ADMINISTRATION: Please remember that we will be administering the PSAT on Wednesday, October 16th. We will operate on a Regular Bell Schedule that day, but those students who have registered to take the PSAT will be in their Testing site from the beginning of the school day until 11:45 a.m.

MUSICAL AUDITIONS: Auditions for the Spring Musical, 9-5, *the Musical*, will be held November 19th through November 21st, with a mandatory Dance Call on November 18th. In order to prepare students, our Theatre Department will host two Audition Workshops. The first Audition Workshop will be led by Ms. Hayes and Mr. Santangelo in the Chorus room afterschool on Wednesday, October 16th, from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. During this Workshop, students will learn audition etiquette and how to prepare for their Audition. Additionally, the Theatre Department will host a Dance Workshop afterschool on Monday, October 28th in the Auditorium from 2:45 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. This session will be led by our guest choreographer, Chasta Hamilton, owner of Stage Door Dance. During this Workshop, students will be taught the audition choreography that they must perform during the Dance Call on November 18th. This will be the **only** opportunity to learn the dance directly from the choreographer before Auditions occur. Ms. Hayes, our Theatre Director, will be at both workshops to answer student questions. For students interested in Auditioning for this year's Musical, it is **highly** encouraged that they attend both Workshops. For additional information, please contact Ms. Hayes (ahayes3@wcpss.net).

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION: Columbia University offers a comprehensive array of academic programs, including three undergraduate schools, thirteen graduate and professional schools, a world-renowned medical center, four affiliated colleges and seminaries, twenty-six libraries, and nearly two hundred research centers and institutes. An information session for Columbia University will be held at the Athens Drive Magnet High School Auditorium on Wednesday, October 16th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Come learn about academics and the Core Curriculum, undergraduate research, student life, housing, internships and career planning, financial aid, and the admissions process. You will have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of our regional admissions officer. Please click [HERE](#) to register for this event.

UNDERCLASSMEN PICTURE MAKE-UPS: On Thursday, October 17th, during both Lunches, in the Auditorium, Underclassmen who did not get their Picture taken on our Picture Day earlier in the year can get their Picture taken. This will be the last opportunity for Underclassmen to get their picture taken this year.

BAND FALL CHAMBER CONCERT: Our Band is hosting their Fall Chamber Concert on Thursday, October 17th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Refreshments will be served while the students are performing—a new format to enjoy the incredible talent of our students! This is a free concert, so please come out to hear great music and support our outstanding students!

PTSA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM: If our students are interested in unleashing their inner artist, we have the perfect opportunity for them—the Reflections Arts Contest. This PTSA-led initiative is a great way for our students to shine. This year's theme, "Look Within," calls for our students' own unique interpretation through the Arts. Categories include dance, film, literature, music, photography, and visual arts. If your student is interested, please see this [link](#) for more details. Please remember that submissions are due by Friday, October 18th.

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 Ms. Hope in Student Services (919-233-4050 ext. 24893) or visit the Student Services website (<http://adhs-student-services.weebly.com>). On Friday, October 18th, a representative from Meredith College will be on campus to meet with Athens Drive Magnet High School students. Representatives will be in the Lobby outside of the Attendance Office during both Lunches. Please remember that this is a great opportunity to learn about the various programs that are available, admission requirements, and financial aid.

COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK: College Application Week for 2019 is from Monday, October 21st, through Friday, October 25th. Counselors and College Admission Counselors will be available during this week to assist Seniors with submitting an on-line application for Admission. During this week, many [North Carolina Colleges and Universities](#) waive their application fees. Qualifying students can also use the College Board or ACT fee waiver for institutions not waiving their application fees. Please have your Senior contact his/her Counselor for more information about these opportunities.

ANTI-BULLYING MONTH: As we work to provide a safe, orderly, supportive school climate for all students, we want to share the message that there is no room for bullying at Athens Drive. Bullying can include behaviors such as physical violence and attacks, extortion or theft, taunts or name-calling, peer group exclusion, threats and intimidation, and cyberbullying. October is Anti-Bullying month and Athens Drive is conducting a variety of activities throughout the month. I would ask that you encourage your student to wear **orange** on Wednesday, October 23rd, for Unity Day. Make it **Orange** and Make it End! We hope that our school family will come together in one giant **orange** message of hope and support to visibly show that we believe that no student should ever experience bullying.

CHORUS: Please mark your calendars to join us on Thursday, October 24th beginning at 7:00 p.m. for our Fall Cafe! Hear our amazing students perform and join us for refreshments afterwards in the Gym Lobby. This is a free concert!

END OF FIRST QUARTER IS COMING SOON: Looking ahead, please remember that the last day of the First Quarter is Thursday, October 31st. First Quarter Report Cards will be sent home on Friday, November 8th. Please help us work together to have our students finish the First Quarter strong.

MAGNET RECRUITING SEASON: Our Magnet recruiting season is beginning. We are hosting tours and Open Houses 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.

ATHENS DRIVE BASEBALL CAR WASH FUNDRAISER: The Athens Drive Baseball Team will be holding a Car Wash Fundraiser tomorrow, Saturday, October 12th, at the McDonald's in Crossroads in Cary from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Cars are \$5.00 and Large Trucks and SUVs are \$10.00. Thank you for your support of our Baseball Team.

JAG CLUB OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT ATHLETICS: Please know that there are a few events happening soon where you can support Athens Drive Athletics by going out to eat or grocery shopping. On Thursday, October 24th, we will have a restaurant fundraiser night at Chick-fil-A from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Chick-fil-A will donate a portion of the proceeds from the event back to Athens Drive Athletics. Also, please link your Harris Teeter VIC card to the JAG Club. Go to this [link](#) and select 4545 – Athens Drive High School JAG Club. Harris Teeter will donate a portion of your total grocery bill back to Athens Drive Athletics. Thank you for your support!

ATHLETICS: Our Fall athletic teams are winding down their regular seasons and are already beginning Senior Nights, Conference Tournaments, and State Playoffs. For the most up-to-date schedule information, please check the Athens Drive Athletics website (<http://www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs>) to stay aware of all game dates, game times, and any changes to our Athletic competitions. Please also remember that our Winter Sports try-outs will be starting soon. Please be sure that if your student is interested in playing a Winter Sport, he/she has his/her physical and all forms completed and knows the dates, times, and locations of tryouts.

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 the cooler weather and have a wonderful weekend. Go JAGS and please take care.

REMINDER ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKLY MESSAGES:

MAKE-UP DAY OF SCHOOL CHANGED: Please know that WCPSS announced this week that we are changing one of the Make-Up Days for the two days of school we lost due to the impact of Hurricane Dorian. The Make-Up Day for Thursday, September 5th is going to now be held on Thursday, October 31st. This is a change from the originally announced Make-Up Day of Friday, November 1st. Thus, Thursday, October 31st is now a school day for students and Friday, November 1st is not a school day for students. Thank you for your attention to this change in our instructional calendar.

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!

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.

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. More information will be coming as this date approaches, but I did want to provide information to our Sophomores about this coming test administration.

LAST HOME FOOTBALL GAME TAILGATE: We have two home football games remaining for this school year, Homecoming tonight, on Friday, October 11th, and then Senior Night on Friday, October 25th. To celebrate the season, our Seniors, and our school, the JAG Club is hosting a Tailgate event at the Friday, October 25th football game. The Tailgate will last from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and will be a full BBQ dinner. Athens Drive student tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 at JAG Junction (Wednesday and Thursday during both lunches). On-line tickets for family and friends are \$7.00 and can be purchased on the JAG Club [website](#). We look forward to celebrating our final Friday Night Lights evening together as a school family!

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!

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/>).