

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.

Tomorrow, Saturday, October 14th, is our big Campus Beautification project! Please grab your shovels, pitchforks, and gardening tools as it is that time that we make Athens Drive Magnet High School clean and green! The Athens Drive Magnet High School Fall Beautification Day will be held on Saturday, October 14th from 9 a.m. until 12:00 noon in front of the school. Students are welcomed and encouraged to participate in this event. Parents are welcome too! We desperately need wheelbarrows, pitchforks, shovels, rakes and other assorted gardening tools for the event as we have truckloads of mulch being delivered that will need to be put into the gardens! For more information or if you can provide gardening equipment for the event, please contact John Sykes, at 919-862-3873 or via email at jsykes02@bellsouth.net.

The Wake County Public School System offers a Career to College Promise where students can start working toward their College and Career Goals while in High School for free. There will be a Career to College Promise information meeting on Tuesday, October 17th, in the Athens Drive Magnet High School Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. for students and parents that are interested in taking College Courses while at Athens Drive Magnet High School.

Parents of Seniors, if your Senior has not had his/her Senior Portrait taken, the last make-up picture day for him/her will be on Wednesday, October 18th and Thursday, October 19th. Mr. Remaley distributed appointment cards to those Seniors who still needed to have their picture taken. If your Senior has not received an appointment card and still needs his/her picture taken, please be sure to have them see Mr. Remaley in Room 2618. We want to ensure that all of our Seniors get their picture taken and are included in the yearbook!

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.

Parents of Seniors, it is now time to purchase your Senior Recognition Ads and for your Senior to submit their Senior Quote. Please see The Torch website (<https://athensdriveyearbook.weebly.com>) for details regarding Senior Recognition Ads and Senior Quotes. Senior Recognition Ads are due by Monday, October 30th and Senior Quotes are due by Friday, November 10th.

On Thursday, October 19th, during lunch, make-up pictures will be taken in the Auditorium for all Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors who were unable to take their picture on picture day earlier in the school year.

We continue to have representatives from colleges and universities coming to campus to meet with our students. This is a great opportunity to learn about the various programs that are available, admission requirements, and financial aid availability. Next week, on Monday, October 16th, at 2:30 p.m., UNC-Wilmington will be in the Library at 2:30 p.m. On Tuesday, October 17th, at 10:30 a.m. in front of Student Services, Lynchburg College will be on campus. For more information about these visits, and other college and university information, contact the Student Services office.

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. Thank you very much to those families that have already joined!

Just a reminder to continue to check the Athens Drive Athletics webpage (<http://www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrives>) for game times of our Fall sports as we move into the playoff and state championship season. I am proud of the way our student athletes have represented Athens Drive and look forward to watching their post-season accomplishments. Please also remember that our Winter Sports try-outs will be starting soon. Please be sure that if your student is interested in playing he/she has his/her physical and all forms completed and knows the dates, times, and locations of tryouts.

Those are all of the announcements for this week. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend! Go JAGS and please take care.