

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:

SENIOR INFORMATION: Our Seniors had a Class meeting during Drive Time on Tuesday to get information about Caps, Gowns, Class Rings, and other Senior products they can purchase. Jostens will be on campus to take Class Ring orders on Tuesday, October 22nd, during both Lunches in the Gym Lobby. The minimum deposit required is \$75.00. Jostens will also be on campus on Wednesday, October 23rd during both Lunches in the Gym Lobby to take Senior orders for Cap, Gown, Tassel, Graduation Announcements, and other Senior Products. A minimum \$60.00 deposit is required to place your Senior order. Mid-Year Graduates need to place their order next week in order to ensure they get their Cap and Gown before the Winter Break in December! If you or your Senior have any questions, please feel free to contact Chris Remaley (cremaley@wcpss.net), our Senior Class Advisor. I would also encourage you to join the Senior Class Remind group if you haven't already to stay up to date with all Senior-related information! Text the message: @remaley-4 to the number: 81010 and join today!

SENIOR ADS: Parents of Seniors, please remember that your Senior Ads are due soon! If you would like to buy a space to congratulate your Senior in the Yearbook, this is the time. Ads can be purchased through the Yearbook [website](#) and range in price based on size. No design ability needed, our students will create and personalize an ad just for you! Upload your photos and provide a message and then wait for the magic to happen. Once our students have created your space, they'll email you a proof to ensure your happiness and submit for publication. The deadline for Ads is Wednesday, October 30th, so hurry in now to reserve your space! If you have any questions about ads feel free to email Ms. Luna (eluna@wcpss.net), our Yearbook Advisor.

COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK: Next week we are celebrating College Application Week for 2019 at The Drive! 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.

SAT PREPARATION COURSE: The Second Quarter SAT Prep Course is starting next week, on Monday, October 21st and Tuesday, October 22nd, to prepare students for the December SAT Test. This will be the last opportunity for Seniors to take the SAT in order to get scores back in time for regular admission deadlines. Juniors can also take advantage of this terrific and effective program! Please contact Chris Remaley (cremaley@wcpss.net) for more information and the flyer is available on the front page of our school's website.

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!

MARCHING BAND: Our award-winning Marching Band will perform at our last home football game of the season next Friday, October 25th. Our Marching Band will also be competing at Union Pines High School at 7:45 p.m. on Saturday, October 26th. Please come out to support our amazingly talented students!

LAST HOME FOOTBALL GAME TAILGATE: Our last home Football game and our celebration of Senior Night will be held next 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!

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 was held this week on Wednesday, October 16th. If a student was unable to attend this Workshop and would like an information packet, please contact Ms. Hayes (ahayes3@wcpss.net). 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 the Workshop to answer student questions. For students interested in Auditioning for this year's Musical, it is highly encouraged that they attend the Dance Workshop. For additional information, please contact Ms. Hayes (ahayes3@wcpss.net).

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 Monday, October 28th, a representative from Barton College will be on campus to meet with Athens Drive Magnet High School students. In addition, on Thursday, October 31st, a representative from Virginia Commonwealth University 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.

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.

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: I am proud of the way our student athletes have represented Athens Drive and look forward to watching their post-season accomplishments. 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 have a wonderful weekend. Go JAGS and please take care.

REMINDER ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKLY MESSAGES:

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.

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.

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/>).