

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.

I want to let our entire school family know that the Wake County Public School System is transitioning to Outlook for all WCPSS employees. Please understand that email addresses for staff will NOT change. Athens Drive Magnet High School began our transition this week. If you have emailed me or any other staff member and not heard a response, please understand that the delay may be due to this email migration. Emails from our old email accounts will be able to be read, but not replied to—that will have to be done in our new Outlook platform. Thank you for your understanding as we make this change.

A huge THANK YOU to the parents, students, and staff who worked hard last Saturday to clean-up the outdoor lunch area! It looks fabulous! I am very appreciative for the support of our school families to make Athens Drive Magnet High School such a great place for teaching and learning!

Congratulations to the following students who had their Art Work displayed at the State Fair: Andi Strohm, Kayla Stevens, Gianna Mastrandrea (received Special Recognition by Jerry's Artarama), Max Seavey, Georgia Shore, Grace Herring, In addition, Mason Judy competed in the Youth Market Turkey Show at the State Fair and brought home a 4<sup>th</sup> Place in the competition for the turkey he has raised.

We wish our Orchestra students well as they perform in the Western Wake Orchestra Festival on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Apex High School (which is being housed at Green Level High School).

Looking ahead, please remember that the last day of the First Quarter is Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> is a Teacher Workday, thus there is no school for students on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. First Quarter Report Cards will be sent home on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please help us work together to have our students finish the First Quarter strong.

Our Magnet recruiting season is beginning. We are hosting tours and Open Houses in the coming weeks and months and 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 see the Magnet website we have that is linked on the Athens Drive website to provide information regarding our Medical Sciences and Global Health Initiatives Magnet program.

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 30<sup>th</sup> and Senior Quotes are due by Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

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!

I wish our Women's Golf Team well as they compete for a State Championship on Monday and Tuesday! I am proud of the way all of our student athletes have represented Athens Drive and look forward to watching their post-season accomplishments. Just a reminder to continue to check the Athens Drive Athletics webpage (<http://www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs>) for game times of our Fall sports as we move into the playoff and state championship season. 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.