

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:

FIRST QUARTER ENDS NEXT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST: Please remember that the last day of the First Quarter is next Thursday, October 31st. First Quarter Report Cards will be sent home on Friday, November 8th. Let's work together to have our students finish the First Quarter strong next week.

NO SCHOOL NEXT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST FOR STUDENTS: Please remember that WCPSS announced that they changed 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.

PTSA MEETING: The next PTSA meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Athens Drive Library. All parents are invited to attend this meeting.

AP EXAM REGISTRATION: Advanced Placement (AP) Exam registration for 1st Semester AP classes needs to be completed by Wednesday, October 30th. Students need to complete this by joining AP Classroom for each AP class they have. Students' AP teachers have the join codes and can assist with AP Exam registration. If a student chooses not to take their AP exam, an "AP Exam Opt-Out" Form needs to be completed and returned to Ms. Boothe by Wednesday, October 30th as well. This Form is available in Student Services. Students only need to register for their 1st Semester AP classes exams at this time. Students will register for their Spring Semester AP class exams after 2nd Semester begins. If students do not meet the Wednesday, October 30th deadline, there will be a \$40.00 late fee from College Board that the student will be responsible for. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Boothe (kboothe@wcpss.net) in Student Services.

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.

MUSICAL AUDITIONS DANCE WORKSHOP NEXT WEEK: 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 last 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).

WINTER SPORTS TRYOUTS BEGIN NEXT WEEK: Winter Sports tryouts begin next Wednesday, October 30th. If you are interested in trying out for a Winter Sport, please find information [here](#) regarding tryout times and locations. You must be academically eligible to participate and have up-to-date physical paperwork on file to tryout. Winter Sports Parent Night will be on Wednesday, November 13th in the Upper Gym beginning at 6:30 p.m.

SENIOR CAP AND GOWN AND OTHER SENIOR PRODUCTS: Senior families, Jostens came this week to take orders for Caps and Gowns and I hope most Seniors were able to place their orders this week. However, if our Seniors did not order this week, then they can wait until November and December when Jostens returns to campus. If you prefer to order online, please visit the Jostens www.jostens.com website and select Athens Drive High School. Every Senior must order his/her own Cap and Gown through Jostens. The required Graduation Fee of \$60.00 can be paid through the school's website online payment system or can be paid with cash/check in the Main Office. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Remaley (cremaley@wcpss.net), our Senior Class Advisor. I would, once again, 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 next week! 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.

BAND: Our award-winning Marching Band will have several performances over the next two weeks. Tonight, Friday, October 25th, our Band will be performing Pre-Game and at Half-Time of our last Home Football game. During their Half-time performance, we will be honoring our Senior Band members. Then tomorrow, Saturday, October 25th, at 7:45 p.m., our Marching Band will be competing at Union Pines High School. On Saturday, November 2nd, at 8:00 p.m., our Marching Band will be competing at North Davidson High School. Finally, our Band's Fall Concert will be held on Tuesday, November 5th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in our Auditorium. This will be a great opportunity to hear the amazing music of our Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble. Admission is free and refreshments will be served following the performance.

WINTER PERCUSSION AUDITIONS: Clinics for the Athens Drive Magnet High School Winter Percussion are going to be held on Wednesday, November 6th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., and Tuesday, November 12th from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the Band Room. A parent information session will take place on Wednesday, November 6th at 6:15 p.m. in the Chorus 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.

BAND BBQ FUNDRAISER: The Band is holding their 2019 Athens Drive Band BBQ Fundraiser on Friday, November 1st, from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The BBQ will be available at the Swift Creek Community Center at 6221 Yates Mill Pond Road, just off Tryon Road. The BBQ plate costs \$10.00 each and comes with Pork BBQ, 2 sides (baked beans and cole slaw), roll, and utensils. All preorders will also receive a complimentary homemade dessert, and the preorder deadline is Tuesday, October 29th. For orders, delivery, or information, please contact BBQ@athensdriveband.com.

BAND DEWEY'S HOLIDAY STORE: 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 Saturday, November 9th through Tuesday, December 24th. Please refer to the Band's Dewey's Fundraiser [website](#) for details.

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!

LAST HOME FOOTBALL GAME TAILGATE: Our last home Football game and our celebration of Senior Night will be held tonight, 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. If you did not purchase a ticket in advance, tickets will be sold for \$10.00 at the tailgate if available. We look forward to celebrating our final Friday Night Lights and Senior Night together as a school family!

ATHLETICS: Just a reminder to please continue to check the Athens Drive Athletics [website](#) for game times of our Fall sports as we move into the playoff and state championship season and our Winter Sports begin.

THANK YOU!: Those are all the announcements for this week. Please continue to check the Athens Drive website (www.wcps.net/athensdrivehs) for general information and to help you stay informed. I hope you all enjoy a terrific weekend. Go JAGS and please take care.

REMINDER ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKLY MESSAGES:

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.

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.

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.

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/>).