

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:**

**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS TOMORROW, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>:** Please remember that tomorrow, Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is not a school day for students. Tomorrow is a Workday for staff and there is no school for students. I hope our students enjoy the three-day weekend!

**SECOND QUARTER BEGINS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>:** Please know that we just finished the First Quarter and will begin the Second Quarter on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. If a student did not feel like they had the best start to the year, I would remind them that the Second Quarter counts 40% of a student's final grade and the Final Exam counts 20%. Thus, there is still 60% of the grade left to be earned. This is a great opportunity to turn things around and refocus on learning. For our students who started the year strong, I would encourage them to continue to excel and finish the First Semester on a positive note. I appreciate our students' efforts to learn and succeed in the classroom!

**BAND BBQ FUNDRAISER—TOMORROW, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>:** The Band is holding their 2019 Athens Drive Band BBQ Fundraiser tomorrow, Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. For additional information please contact [BBQ@athensdriveband.com](mailto:BBQ@athensdriveband.com).

**RESCHEDULED SOCCER GAME AND BACKPACK BUDDIES COLLECTIONS:** The Men's Soccer game against Cary High School that was originally scheduled for yesterday, Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, will be played tomorrow, Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, with the Junior Varsity game starting at 4:00 p.m. and the Varsity game starting at 6:00 p.m. Our Seniors will be honored at halftime of the Varsity game. Please know that the soccer team will be collecting items for our Backpack Buddies throughout the evening. Items that we are asking to be contributed can be found on this [flyer](#). Thank you for your support!

**FOOTBALL GAME FRIDAY NIGHT:** Even though there is no school for students tomorrow, we will still be playing our Friday Night Football game! The football team will be traveling to Jordan High School to play beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**MARCHING BAND:** Our award-winning Marching Band will compete in their final competition of the season at North Davidson High School this Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:20 p.m. The Marching Band has consistently finished in the Top 3 bands of the day in all their competitions this year! The band has traveled as far west as Charlotte and as far east as Jacksonville! I am incredibly proud of the hard work they have put in and the outstanding manner they have represented The Drive!

**BAND FALL CONCERT:** The Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will present a Fall Concert in our Auditorium on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free, and refreshments will be served after the performances. In addition to the concert, it will be my pleasure to help induct 25 new members into the Tri-M Music National Honor Society during the intermission. I am very proud of the incredible skill of our musicians!

**MAGNET THEME SHOWCASE OPEN HOUSE ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> FROM 5:30 P.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.:** I look forward to opening our school on Thursday night, November 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for our Magnet Theme Showcase Open House to share information with prospective families. Once again, I would like to thank our families, students, and staff who will be here sharing information with students and families who are interested in attending Athens Drive. Thank you for letting interested families know about this great opportunity to visit our school! Please know that it continues to be an honor and pleasure to serve such an incredible school family!

**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 Student Services (919-233-4050 ext. 24893) or visit the Student Services website (<http://adhs-student-services.weebly.com>). On Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, a representative from Ohio Wesleyan University will be on campus to meet with Athens Drive Magnet High school students. UNC Asheville will have a representative meeting with our students on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have East Carolina University, St. Andrews University, Appalachian State, Johnson and Wales, University of Alabama, UNC Charlotte, UNC Wilmington, and the University of the South Carolina.

**SENIOR CAP AND GOWN, RINGS, AND OTHER SENIOR PRODUCTS—MAKE-UP DAY:** Senior families, Jostens will be back on campus on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> during both lunches in the Gym Lobby to take Cap and Gown orders as well as Class Ring orders for those interested. Jostens will not return to campus until late December, so if you need to order before then you will need to do it on-line at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com). The Graduation Fee of \$60.00, which is a separate item, needs to be paid using the on-line payment system through the Athens website or can be paid with cash, check, or money order in the Main Office. Please know that I appreciate your patience as we make progress on removing those fees from PowerSchool for those students who have already paid. Please remember to address any Senior-related questions to Mr. Remaley ([cremaley@wcpss.net](mailto:cremaley@wcpss.net)), our Senior Class Advisor.

**WINTER PERCUSSION CLINICS AND AUDITIONS:** Clinics for the Athens Drive Magnet High School Winter Percussion are going to be held on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., and Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the Band Room. A parent information session will take place on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. in the Chorus Room. Winter Percussion Auditions will take place Wednesday and Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:percussionsupport@athensdriveband.com).

**CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION DAY—SAURDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>:** Fall weather is finally arriving! Please join the PTSA Gardens & Grounds volunteers for our Fall Beautification Day on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We need help cleaning up the gardens around campus and making The Drive shine! This event is a chance for parents, students, and staff to spend time together having fun and improving our school. This is also a great opportunity for students to earn Service Hours! Please click on the following Sign Up Genius [link](#) for more information. Thank you for your support of this effort!

**FALL PLAY:** Please be sure to mark your calendar for our Fall Play! The Athens Drive Theatre Department is presenting our Fall Play, *16 in Ten Minutes or Less*. The Play will run Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Both performances will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m., admission is \$7.00, and the Play will take place in the Auditorium. This year's play is a collection of 10, ten-minute plays, and focuses on the intertwined lives of high school students and the impact of social media. Nearly forty students are involved in this year's production and all have worked tirelessly to create this awesome show. This show is appropriate for all ages and I look forward to an outstanding night at the theater watching our talented students!

**SENIOR BREAKFAST INFORMATIONAL MEETING:** Our Senior Breakfast is a wonderful tradition at Athens Drive to celebrate the start of the Final Semester for our Seniors! It is hard to believe that it is time to start planning for this event, as many volunteers and donations are required to make this event a success! There will be a Senior Breakfast Information meeting for all interested parents on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in Mr. Remaley's Room, Room 2618. Please come and learn more about this fun event for the Class of 2020!

**FUNDRAISER FOR THE HEALTH SCIENCE CAREER ACADEMY:** This year our Health Science Career Academy is offering sweet and savory breads, specialty coffees, and pies from Fresh Market. The deadline to order these items is Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. The pick-up date for all items will be Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in Room 1927. For more information on this fundraiser, please visit this [link](#). If you would like to pay by Venmo, please use username: ADMHS-HSA. Please note in the comments your purchases for the fundraiser. Thank you for your support!

**ATHLETICS:** Just a reminder to please continue to check the Athens Drive Athletics [website](#) for game dates and times for the last few Fall regular season and playoff games. Please also be on the lookout for the game dates and times of our Winter sports as they begin soon. Thank you for your support of our student athletes!

**THANK YOU!:** Those are all the announcements for this week. Please continue to check the Athens Drive website ([www.wcpss.net/athensdrivehs](http://www.wcpss.net/athensdrivehs)) for general information and to help you stay informed. I hope you all enjoy a fantastic 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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup> Grade students on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**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 9<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup>, with delivery on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:dianeshuggins@yahoo.com)).

**ATHLETICS—JAG CLUB:** Are you interested in helping with the JAG Club this year? Please email Lori Airee ([my6blessings@yahoo.com](mailto: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/>).