

Good Afternoon, this is Steve Mares, principal of Athens Drive Magnet High School with announcements for the upcoming week.

First, let me just take a moment to thank our entire school family for the warm welcome I have received since starting as principal at Athens Drive. Please know that it is an honor and a pleasure to become a member of the Athens family and to serve each and every one of you. Please also know that I take my responsibilities seriously and I am excited to support student success and help all of our students reach their ultimate potential. I look forward to meeting with all of our students and families and getting to know everything that makes Athens such a fantastic place for teaching and learning.

I will be sending out a school-wide telephone message each Friday afternoon. I have a tendency to be long-winded...so in addition to receiving this message on your telephone, the message will also be posted on our website and the PTSA will email it out to their email groups. I hope this is an informative, brief summary of events happening in the coming week at Athens Drive.

Please know that the First Quarter ended today. Report Cards will go home next Friday, November 4th.

The final night for our Fall Play, *Ashland Falls*, is tonight, Friday, October 28th. The play begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium and admission is \$6.00. I saw the play last night and it was outstanding! Please come out and enjoy a night at the theatre with our talented students!

Please remember that Monday, October 31st is now a school day for students and staff. This is the make-up day for the school day we missed due to Hurricane Matthew. We will operate on a regular schedule.

I will be taking time on Tuesday to meet with each Class to introduce myself and ensure that all students have the opportunity to put a face with my name. I look forward to developing relationships with our students to support their growth.

We have an opportunity for our school family to see our award winning band perform at their Band Concert on Thursday night, November 3rd. The Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and admission is free. Please come out and enjoy the sounds and talents of our amazing students! We also want to wish our Marching Band well as they travel to Appalachian State University tomorrow to compete in their final completion of the year. We look forward to them bringing home another Grand Champion honor like they have been claiming all season!

You also have a chance to support our band next Tuesday, November 1st. Please visit Sweet Tomatoes in Crossroads, make a purchase, and present the flyer from the athensdriveband.com website on your phone, or print it out, and 30% of your purchase will be donated to the Athens Drive Band. Thank you for your support.

Jostens will be on campus for a Class Ring order make-up day on Friday November 4th in the Gym Lobby during lunches. There is a deposit of \$60.00 required.

In addition, Senior Graduation products and cap, tassel & gown orders can be placed on the make-up day on Friday, November 4th in the Gym Lobby during lunches. A \$60.00 deposit is also required to place your Senior order.

Please remember that October 30th is the final day for Senior families to buy advertising space for a Senior message in our Yearbook.

Please be aware that all Wake County Public schools will operate on a two-hour delay on Tuesday, November 8th due to Election Day.

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual Athens Drive Mattress Fundraiser! On Saturday, November 12th, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in our School Gym we will have this incredible mattress sale to benefit our Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Visual Arts, PTSA, JAG Club, and Theatre! Thank you for your support.

Congratulations to Jennifer Chang for winning her third State Women's Golf Championship this week! Please remember that we do have a football game at Apex Friendship High School this evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. Also, please remember that tryouts for Winter sports begin next week and students must have an updated physical on file in order to tryout. Please check the Athens Drive athletic website (www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrivehs) for more information about tryouts, game dates and times, and general athletic information as our Fall athletic season comes to an end.

Those are all of the announcements for this week. Please continue to check the Athens Drive website (www.wcpss.net/athensdrivehs) for general information to help you stay informed. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Go JAGS and please take care.