

## AHS NEWSLETTER 2-9-18

Atholton Community,

Congratulations to Katerina Graf, Deepa Thomas, Jacob Welch and Arden Zhang who have advanced to the Finalist Standing in the National Merit Scholarship Program by demonstrating distinguished academic performance. We wish them the best!

We will be celebrating our students who made the honor roll for the second quarter on February 15<sup>th</sup> with an Ice Cream Social. We have 969 students on the honor roll with 199 on the Principal's Honor Roll, 726 on the Gold Honor Roll and 44 on the Silver Honor Roll. Congratulations to all our students!

Just a reminder, graduating seniors are eligible to speak or perform at the graduation ceremony in May. Auditions will be held on February 12, 2018 at 2:30 pm in the Choir room. Any senior who would like the opportunity to audition should sign up for a time slot on the bulletin board in the media center.

We would like to welcome Nicole Coke who will be joining the AHS family next week. She will be filling the vacancy for Mrs. Lucente in 11<sup>th</sup> grade English. She is returning from leave from Long Reach High School and has 12 years of experience teaching English in Baltimore and Howard Counties. We also want to thank Caitlin Rogers who has been the long-term substitute since November. Caitlin has graciously agreed to continue to work at Atholton with students in our Special Education department.

Congratulations to our track team. On Tuesday February 6, the Atholton Track & Field program scored more combined girls and boys team points than any other school in the 3A East Region. The girls won the entire meet with a score of 99 points and the boys were 2nd with a score of 62.5.

The girls team scored points in every single event. Regional Champions were Asha Washington- 55m and Madison Garrigus- Pole Vault. Top 3 finishers included Kailee Bunyard- 55m hurdles & 4x200m, Asha Washington- 300m & 4x200m, Camryn Streib- 800m, Hannah Tarver- 4x200m & 4x400m, Morgan Nasir- 4x200m & 4x400m, Sara Carlisle- 4x400m, Christina Rogers- 4x400m, Ciara Wainwright- Shot Put, Morgan Young- Shot Put, and Cassidy Bunyard- High Jump

The boys team was ranked 4th coming in, but performed above and beyond expectations to place 2nd overall. Regional Champions were our boys 4x200m team of Kristopher Lytle, Noah Alper, Ali Bowens, and Grant Bunyard. Top 3 finishers were Ali Bowens- 55m, Nicholas Weber- 1600m, Elijah Smith- 4x800m, Jacob Estrada- 4x800m, Noah Blaz- 4x800m, Jake Perret- 4x800m, and Grant Bunyard- High Jump & Pole Vault.

The Raiders will compete at the 3A State Championships Tuesday Feb 20th. Atholton has 23 athletes qualified for the State Championships. Asha Washington is also qualified for the New Balance High School National Championships in New York City in the 55m dash.

The Raider Varsity Wrestling team competed in the 3-A Regional Championships this past Thursday. The team upset Stephen Decatur in the first match and lost in the Championship match to Mt. Hebron. The team moves on next weekend to the Howard County Tournament.

Regards,

JoAnn Hutchens

### **ATHOLTON ATHLETICS BOOSTERS PRESENTS LUCK OF THE RAIDERS BULL ROAST**

on March 16, 2018 from 6:30-11pm @ the Ten Oaks Ballroom! The Bull Roast is one of our major fundraisers every year and the best deal in town for all who attend! Compare what you get at any other dinner and entertainment venue in town! Open Bar, Wonderful Food (by Atholton Alumni), Fun Casino Night, and Valuable Silent Auction items! It's an even better deal if you register before March 12 and save 10%! Register at: [ahsroast.org](http://ahsroast.org)

### **STAFF APPRECIATION CHOCOLATE FEST DONATIONS**

It's chocolate excess time again! On Wednesday, Feb 14th, the AHS Staff Appreciation Committee will host Chocolate Fest and we are in need of your favorite chocolate treats!!

Last year, chocolate loving staff members have devoured chocolate cakes, homemade or store bought chocolate goodies and chocolate dipped fruits. If you would like to contribute to this decadent event, please email me at [sgidwani3019@gmail.com](mailto:sgidwani3019@gmail.com) and let me know what you would like to contribute. I will send an email reminder closer to February 14th.

Non perishable donations can be delivered on the 13th to the AHS front office or to Maureen Bentz at 6991 Newberry Drive, Columbia OR to AHS before 9:30 am on the 14th.

Perishable donations can be dropped off at AHS before 9:30 am on the 14th.

**THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS** will be conducting voter outreach at Atholton High School on Wed., Feb. 14, 2018 from 11am-12:30pm in the cafeteria hallway during the lunch shifts.

All United States citizens aged 16 and up may register to vote and sign up to work as an election judge. An MVA issued ID number or the last 4 digits of a social security number is required to complete the registration form. Although students may register at 16, they cannot vote in a primary election unless they are 18 by the date of the general election.

### **RAIDER POST PROM PARTY (RP3) NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

Atholton High School's Afterprom RP3 (Raider Post Prom Party) is scheduled for May 13, 2018 from 12:00am-3:30am. Every school in Howard County hosts an Afterprom to give our kids a safe place to go after the prom. This is the PTSA's biggest event and largest budget item of the year.

This year we will have our Afterprom at the YMCA in Ellicott City, MD. The Afterprom will have great food, inflatables, activities including jenga, human fooseball, caricature artists, laser tag, casino games, prizes and more!

We need Committee Members and Volunteers to help make the Afterprom a success. If you would like to Chair or assist any of the Committees below, please email lahmuty@verizon.net.

**Committee Chairs**

- Activities – VACANT
- Food – VACANT
- Communication – Mona Shroff
- Security – Curt Bathras
- Prizes – Curt Bathras
- Tickets and Registration – Monica Spain
- Volunteers – Kitty O’Hara & Malia Schlichting
- Business Donations – Adora Wonodi

**ATHLETICS :**

**Winter Sports Awards Ceremony**

The Winter sports award ceremony will be held on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm in the auditorium. Please check with coaches or team liaisons for specifics about individual team banquets. All players are expected to be present at the awards ceremony.

**Week in Advance-February 12th-20th**

Please come out and support the Raiders on the courts and mats. Below are next week’s games. **All winter athletic events will have a charge of \$3 for students and \$4 for adults.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday, Feb 13th	Basketball	JV:4pm Var: 5:30pm	Mt. Hebron	Girls: Home Boys: Away
Thursday, Feb 15th	Varsity Basketball	Boys: 4pm Girls : 5:30pm	Long Reach	Away
Friday, Feb 16th	Varsity Wrestling	4pm	Multi-Team	Mt. Hebron
Saturday, Feb 17th	Varsity Wrestling	4pm	Multi-Team	Mt. Hebron
Tuesday, Feb 20th	Indoor Track	4pm	State Championships	PG Sports Complex

**For a complete look at the fall sports schedule, please visit the Atholton HS County Sports Zone page. Click here to access page [AHS ATHLETICS CSZ](#)**

### **Spring Sports Tryouts:**

Tryouts for spring sports will begin on **March 1, 2018**. Detailed information regarding tryouts will be posted in mid February.

### **Eligibility for spring sports:**

Per Policy 9070 Academic Eligibility for High School Extracurricular Activities, students must maintain a 2.0 grade-point average (GPA), calculated using credit or non-credit courses, with no more than one failing grade for the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period.

### **Forms:**

Students who tried out for a fall or winter sport will only need to turn in a Parent Permission form and current utility bill (water bill, tax bill, BGE bill, deed or rental agreement). All other students must turn in a physical, Concussion Information sheet, Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information Sheet, as well as the Parent Permission form and current utility bill. Concussion baseline testing is no longer required.

**Highly Recommended: Electronic copies are now being accepted:** The HCPSS Office of Information Technology has developed a portal through **HCPSS Connect Parent Access** to submit ALL of your *Fall Athletics Forms*. Parents/guardians can now fill out required forms, upload physicals and proof of residency documents, and complete the eligibility process just by following this link: [HCPSS Connect](#). This is a safe and secure way to sign up your child to participate in the upcoming season.

### **Individual Sports Meetings:**

Please listen to announcements for any upcoming team meetings. There will be a general meeting for all those interested in trying out for spring sports during Raider Time two weeks prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more information, please feel free to contact Mr. Senisi at [Michael\\_Senisi@hcpss.org](mailto:Michael_Senisi@hcpss.org)

### **FALL 2018 SPORTS UPDATE**

This is a save the date memo. Tryouts for fall 2018 sports will begin on **August 8, 2018**. Practices will begin immediately after tryouts. Please plan vacations accordingly.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Online registration for Comprehensive Summer School classes has begun. The online registration windows will be open from the 1st through the 15th of every month, February through June. On-site registration dates will be available for students needing access or assistance completing the form. Important registration information is detailed below. The CSS Snapshot, Financial Assistance form, and payment form are attached.

### **Important Registration Links:**

Registration Website - <http://tinyurl.com/HCPSSSummerSchool>

Direct Link to the Registration Form - <http://tinyurl.com/CSSReg18>  
Wait List Form - <http://tinyurl.com/CSSWaitlist2018>  
Health & Lifetime Fitness Wait List - <http://tinyurl.com/CSSWaitHLF>  
Withdrawal/Refund Form - <http://tinyurl.com/CSSWithdraw2018>

### **Contact Information:**

Summer School Office - Alice Giles, [Summer\\_School@hcpss.org](mailto:Summer_School@hcpss.org), 410-313-6627  
John DiFato, Administrator - Blended Digital/Online Classes, Graduation, Transportation  
Shannon C. Reed, Administrator - Student Registration  
Allison Volinsky, Administrator - Gear Up for 9th Grade

### **NEW PTSA BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Atholton High School PTSA is in search of Executive Board Members for the 2018-2019 school year. Most of the board members including the President and Treasurer will be transitioning. It is very important that we identify interested individuals ASAP. These are critical positions necessary to run the PTSA. We want to continue to offer/sponsor the many worthwhile programs at Atholton HS and achieve the objectives of the PTSA. Our parent support is what keeps our community strong. If interested, feel free to stop by a future PTSA meeting. They are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and the next one is on 2/20. You can also contact Nikki Lee ([ndlee247@gmail.com](mailto:ndlee247@gmail.com)). The elections will not be held until the spring but we wanted to get the word out ASAP. Thank you!

### **JOIN THE PTSA**

**The After Prom Party** keeps our children safe and entertained on a night that can be dangerous to them. **Staff Appreciation** shows our teachers that we value them and the job that they do. **SAT/ACT Test Prep and Driver's Education** are educational areas that are outside the main curriculum, but are invaluable to our children. **The Snack Shop, Scholarships and club/activity funding** are integral to the richness of the AHS community.

Do you agree? Then please **JOIN THE PTSA!** Our numbers are down this year, and **Membership dues and donations are our primary sources of funds.** The first adult household member is \$20 and each additional household member is \$10. Students join for \$5!

**To join online go to the PTSA Website:** Use PayPal or credit card at [www.atholtonptsa.org/join](http://www.atholtonptsa.org/join).

Questions? Email [membership@atholtonptsa.org](mailto:membership@atholtonptsa.org). Thank you in advance for your membership!

### **PREPARE FOR THE MARCH 10, 2018 SAT WITH THE ANSWER**

The Answer provides affordable, comprehensive, and convenient SAT and ACT Prep classes in partnership with the AHS PTSA. Students learn everything they need to know about the SAT or ACT, take a full-length practice test, learn strategies and tips on guessing, timing, skipping, and confidence building during two 4-hour sessions.

All classes are held at Atholton High School. 20% of all tuition is donated to the AHS PTSA. Register for BOTH an ACT and SAT Prep class for only \$249 - a \$49 savings. Cost: \$159/class (register at least one week in advance and receive a \$10 discount.) To register, please visit: [www.theanswerclass.com](http://www.theanswerclass.com) or call 410-997-3006.

### **March 10 2018 SAT PREP AT AHS:**

Sat., Feb. 24 from 9 am – 1 pm & Mon., Feb. 26 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

### **UPCOMING ACT PREP AT AHS**

T/Th Mar. 20 & 22 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

**REGULAR TUITION:** ONLY \$159/class\* **OR** \$249 for SAT/ACT Class Package

**\*Register at least one week ahead of your course and save \$10!**

**REGISTER TODAY: [WWW.THEANSWERCLASS.COM](http://WWW.THEANSWERCLASS.COM).**

To register, please visit: [www.theanswerclass.com](http://www.theanswerclass.com) or call 410-997-3006.

### **GREG'S DRIVING SCHOOL**

New classes are forming! The following classes have been scheduled for this year:

**March 12 – 23 (M - F) 2:45 – 6pm**

**April 23, 2018 – May 23, 2018 (Mon/Wed) 2:45 – 6pm**

**April 24, 2018 – May 24, 2018 (Tues/Thurs) 2:45 – 6pm**

The cost is \$375 and a portion is donated back to the PTSA. You have 30 hours of classroom time and then 6 hours of driving with an instructor. For more information or to register, please contact Greg's Driving School: <http://www.GregsDrivingSchool.net> or [301-882-8000](tel:301-882-8000).

### **SNACK SHOP**

The PTSA sponsored SNACK SHOP needs volunteers for the 2017-18 school year! We are open every day from 2:10-3:10. **Just one hour of your time!** You can choose how often you'd like to volunteer. Working in the Snack Shop is a really fun volunteer opportunity & you get to make the students smile. If you are a new volunteer, we will pair you up with one of our experienced volunteers.

Please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fa8ae2daafe3-ahssnack> or email me directly at [SnackShop@atholtonptsa.org](mailto:SnackShop@atholtonptsa.org). Invite your friends to join you or come in & meet some new friends! I'm looking forward to a great school year at the Snack Shop! Let me know if you have any questions for me.

### **FOR BOOSTERS' ORGANIZATIONS NEWS:**

Athletic Boosters- <http://atholtonboosters.org/athletics/>

Drama Boosters - <https://www.atholtondrama.org/>

JROTC Boosters - <https://sites.google.com/site/ahsajrotcboosters/>

Music Boosters - [www.atholtonmusic.org/](http://www.atholtonmusic.org/)

Technology Boosters - <https://team2537.com/>

### **PLEASE VISIT THE COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS PAGE**

(<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

February 15-Honor Roll Celebration

February 16-Countywide Professional Learning Day-Schools closed for students

February 19-Presidents' Day-Schools and offices closed

February 20-PTSA Meeting-Media Center @ 7pm

March 1-3 – AHS Musical

March 20-PTSA Meeting-Media Center @ 7pm

March 30-Schools and office closed

April 17-PTSA Meeting-Media Center @ 7pm

April 18-Program Greg's Driving School 'Passing the MD Driving Test'-Media Center @ 7pm

May 12-Prom

May 13-Afterprom Party

**GO RAIDERS!**