

AHS Newsletter 3-17-17:

Atholton Community,

Junior Interview Day is next Thursday, March 23rd. Twenty-two community volunteers, most of whom are AHS parents, will conduct mock interviews with our junior students in the Media Center during the entire day. We thank them for their willingness to support our efforts.

Multicultural Night has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 21st. We hope you will be able to join us from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm.

AHS has a group of dedicated, wonderfully spirited and fancy foot-working staff members who will be strutting their stuff in the Bright Minds Foundation's "Strutting with the Staff" dance competition on Wednesday, March 22nd at Wilde Lake High School AND we need YOUR help in three ways!

1. Please come out and cheer us on – March 22nd, Wilde Lake High School @ 7PM
2. Donate money to Bright Minds under Atholton! Every dollar counts as a vote for us :)
3. Spread the word – please share with as many people as you can in the community

Help us bring home the mirror ball trophy! Prizes will be awarded for the winning dance teams based on judges' scores, funds raised and creativity. Join us for a night of fun and school spirit! Tickets are on sale online now at <http://www.brightmindsfoundation.org/>.

Our Student of the Month celebration has been rescheduled for March 28th. We will honor our wonderful students who were nominated by their teachers during 6th period.

Our Graduation date and time has been set for Monday May 22nd at 11:00 am. We will meet with seniors during Raider Time on April 5th to go over important information. Please check our website periodically for updated information and dates. The next two months are going to fly by for our seniors.

JoAnn Hutchens
Principal

NEW INFORMATION:

Atholton Scholarship Opportunities:

Athletic Boosters Scholarship

The Atholton Athletic Boosters awards two \$500 scholarships to recognize seniors who have contributed significantly to Atholton Athletics through participation in one or more varsity sports.

Eligibility:

- 1-Be a senior attending Atholton High School.
- 2-Have a cumulative, un-weighted grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above.
- 3-Have participated in one or more varsity sports at Atholton High School (ice hockey players are eligible)
- 4-Have at least one family member who is a member of the 2016-17 AHS Athletic Boosters.
- 5- Membership fee must be paid no later than **Wednesday, April 12, 2017**.
- 5-Complete the application in full.
- 6-Maintain appropriate behavioral decorum.
- 7-Return all parts of the completed application to Mr. Cohen in the Student Services Office by the end of the school day **Wednesday, April 19, 2017**.
- 8-Contact Curt Bathras (410-531-6442 or cjbathras@comcast.net) with questions.

PTSA Scholarships

The PTSA Selection Committee will award up to five scholarships of \$1000 each. See the Scholarship List in your Naviance account to download the application materials or visit the Student Services office.

Eligibility:

- 1-Be a senior attending AHS.
- 2-Have a cumulative, un-weighted grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above.
- 3-Have at least one family member who is a member of the 2016-17 AHS PTSA. Membership fee must be paid no later than **Friday, April 14, 2017**.
- 4-Complete the application in full.
- 5-Maintain appropriate behavioral decorum.
- 6-Return all parts of the completed application to Ms. Richardson in the Student Services Office by the end of the school day **Wednesday, April 19, 2017**.
- 7-Contact Curt Bathras (410-531-6442 or cjbathras@comcast.net) with questions.

Taylor Hubbard Military Book Award

This \$300 award is provided to an Atholton graduating senior who has participated in the JROTC program for the full school year and plans to attend college and pursue a military career afterwards. Return all parts of the completed application to Ms. Richardson in the Student Services Office by the end of the school day **Wednesday, April 19, 2017**. Contact Mr. R. M. Taylor for questions (RMarc725@yahoo.com).

V.W. Brown Educational Partnership Scholarship

This \$1000-\$3000 scholarship is provided by V.W. Brown Insurance Company to an Atholton graduating senior who plans to pursue a business degree in college. Return all parts of the completed application to Student Services by the end of the school day **Monday, March 27, 2017**. Contact Ms. Richardson with questions (kimberly_richardson@hcpss.org).

Regional Scholarship Opportunities:

John L. Champion Memorial Scholarship

This award seeks to help support the financial needs of students whose lives have been affected by cancer. Award amounts will be between \$250 and \$1000 each. Applicants must be

a graduating HCPSS senior and must have a parent/guardian who had or has cancer or has lost a parent/guardian to cancer. Applicants will need two letters of recommendation and to write a 250 word essay. Applications should be mailed and are due no later than **March 31, 2017**. For questions, contact championagainstcancer@gmail.com.

Robert Davison Scholar Athlete Award 2017 - Columbia Rotary

The Columbia Rotary provides two winning awards of \$2000 and two runner-up awards of \$1000 to Howard County high school seniors who excel both as scholars and as athletes. Applications are due **April 28, 2017**. For application materials, go to <http://columbiarotary.org/our-programs/robert-davidson-scholar-athlete-awards/>. Contact Tom Glaser, Howard Community College, 4430518-4442, tgalsen@howardcc.edu for questions.

Young Women in Public Affairs Awards

This award is for female students ages 16-19 who may be interested in pursuing public affairs given by the Zonta Club of Howard County. **THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MARCH 24, 2017**. Ten (10) international scholarships of \$4,000 each and up to 32 district/region scholarships of \$1,000 each are awarded each year. Go to zonta.org for more information on this annual award and other scholarship opportunities for women.

PREVIOUSLY SHARED INFORMATION:

March 1 – March 17: Are you a BJ's Wholesale Club member? Don't renew your membership at the store or online. Renew or sign up through the POMS CLUB and you will get a DISCOUNT - \$15 off the \$50 annual membership fee or \$25 off the \$100 Rewards membership fee, PLUS 13 months = 1 month FREE! Each membership includes a FREE household card. If you renew ahead of time to support our organization, BJ's will add the 13 months onto the end of your current membership. It will not overlap.

This discount will be available once a quarter - contact gilbertsharonr@gmail.com to have an application and instructions emailed to you OR download from the PTSA website. Also, make sure the organization has your email address so you can be reminded when the offer is available.

THE BEST NEWS - BJ's Wholesale Club will donate \$5 of your membership fee back to our organization!

*Please forward the information by email to your family and friends - even out-of-town.

**Please no social media.

(This is a special marketing promotion and it is not available at the store or online. Offer subject to change)

Test Prep for the SAT or ACT Exam:

The Answer:

ARE YOU TAKING THE SAT OR ACT SOON? Register NOW for COMPREHENSIVE & CONVENIENT SAT and/or ACT PREP at ATHOLTON HS!

The Answer Classes help students to gain confidence in their test-taking abilities and teach tips and strategies on timing, guessing, and scoring. Students get the prep that they need without wasting time or money – and the school benefits, too:

20% of all tuition collected is donated to AHS PTSA! DON'T MISS OUT!

To date, more than 1,200 Howard County students have taken The Answer Classes and \$32,000+ has been donated to our partner schools in Howard County.

As well, over 97% of students who have taken The Answer Classes say that they would recommend them to a friend!

SPRING 2017 SAT PREP AT AHS (Choose from 2 sessions):

Tuesday/Thursday, April 18 and 20, 2017, 5:30 - 9:30pm

Monday/Wednesday, May 15 and 17, 2017, 5:30 - 9:30pm

SPRING 2017 ACT PREP AT AHS:

Monday/Wednesday, May 22 and 24, 2017, 5:30 - 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

Greg's Driving School

The next class starts this Monday, March 13-24 after school from 2:45pm – 6pm. If this date doesn't work there are other dates including:

April 24, 2017 - May 24, 2017 (Mon/Wed)

April 25, 2017 - May 25, 2017 (Tues/Thurs)

The cost is **\$375** and a portion is donated back to the PTSA. You have classroom time and then **6** hours of driving with an instructor. For more information, please Contact Greg's Driving School or to register: <http://www.GregsDrivingSchool.net> or [301-829-7387](tel:301-829-7387).

Kaplan:

Interested in proven, score-raising strategies and longer sessions taught by expert teachers?

Each Kaplan test prep session includes six 3-hour classes plus two proctored in-class practice tests with easy-to-read score reports.

All classes are held at Atholton High School. Registration link for Kaplan classes:

www.kaplanatschool.com/atholton

Prep for the June 3rd SAT Exam:

Spring 2017 Session Dates

Saturday, April 22, 2017, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Thursday, April 27, 2017, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Thursday, May 18, 2017, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Thursday, May 25, 2017, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Prep for the June 10th ACT Exam:

Spring 2017 Session Dates

Saturday, April 22, 2017, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Thursday, April 27, 2017, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Thursday, May 4, 2017, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Thursday, May 11, 2017, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Thursday, May 18, 2017, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Thursday, May 25, 2017, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Thursday, June 1, 2017, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 21-PTSA Executive Board Meeting @ 7pm in the Media Center

March 22-HC Drug Free Beach Week Presentation @ 7pm in the Auditorium

March 29-Diversity Committee Meeting @ 7pm in the Media Center

March 31-Athletic Boosters Bull Roast 6:30-11:00pm at Ten Oaks Ballroom in Clarksville

April 5-Greg's Driving School presents "Passing the MD Driving Test" @ 7pm in the Media Center

April 7-All schools close 3 hours early

April 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 17-All schools closed

April 18-PTSA Executive Board Meeting @ 7pm in the Media Center

GO RAIDERS!