

## **AHS Newsletter 4-7-17**

Atholton Community,

As Prom and Graduation season comes upon us, please take a moment to check out our website with important dates and information. There is a lot going on over the next two months and we do not want anyone to miss out on these exciting events.

Prom: <http://ahs.hcpss.org/news/2017/04/prom-here>

Graduation: <http://ahs.hcpss.org/news/2016/11/2017-graduation-information>

The end of the third marking period is today, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be issued on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Seniors last day of school is May 17<sup>th</sup> and they will receive their interims on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Our 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> graders will receive their interims on May 24<sup>th</sup> and their report cards will be mailed home after June 14<sup>th</sup>.

We hope everyone has a restful Spring Break and enjoys the time with their families and friends.

Regards,  
JoAnn Hutchens  
Principal

## **NEW INFORMATION**

### **RP3 After-Prom Donations**

We have a goal of collecting \$10,000 in donations to offset expenses for the Raider Post Prom Party on May 14, 2017! The suggested donation for families with a junior or senior is \$50, and \$25 for families with freshmen and sophomores, who will be “paying it forward”. However, any donation will be appreciated. In addition to your donation, this year we are also collecting gift cards that can be used as prizes, so this is a great opportunity to clean out your wallet of all the gift cards you never remember to use! Thank you to those who have already donated! If you have not, please choose one of these methods: 1. By credit card: Through the Atholton PTSA website: <https://www.atholtonptsa.org/donate/> 2. Send in checks, payable to AHS PTSA, and gift cards to the school’s front office, or mailed to Atholton High School PTSA, RP3 Donation, 6520 Freetown Rd., Columbia, MD 21044. Thank you! AHS PTSA

**If you know that you are moving or relocating over the summer,** please notify the Registrar, Candyce Fales or Allison Sultan as soon as possible @ 410-313-7068 or email [candyce\\_fales@hcpss.org](mailto:candyce_fales@hcpss.org) /[allison\\_sultan@hcpss.org](mailto:allison_sultan@hcpss.org).

You will need to complete a change of address form or official withdrawal if leaving the district.

If you are moving inside the district you will need to provide your updated proofs of residency.

If you need a withdrawal packet please allow at least 24 hours notice for us to prepare it. Thank you!

**The 2017-2018 Poms (dance) team auditions will be held on Tuesday, April 25th, and on Thursday, April 27th**

On Tuesday, students will be taught choreography from 3:30 to 5:30 in the dance studio. On Thursday, students should arrive at the time slot they signed up for; auditions will be in the dance studio. The time slots will begin at 4 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Payne: nicole\_payne@hcpss.org or (410) 313-7065.

**Prom is Saturday, May 13, 2017. PROM tickets are on sale** online from April 1 – April 27. Go to atholton.net under Quick Links and during the lunch shifts April 24 – April 28.

Each student must purchase his or her own ticket. You may only purchase two tickets if you are bringing a AHS sophomore or freshman as a guest or you are bringing a non-AHS student. A guest form must be submitted for approval by April 28.

No tickets will be sold or guest forms accepted after April 28.

**Excitement is building! Raider Post Prom Party (RP3) preparations are well underway!**

**Details:** RP3 will be held **May 14, 2017** from **12am-3:30am** immediately after the prom. It will be held at **the "Y" in Ellicott City**. There will be plenty of food, Chipotle! Chick Fil A! Mission BBQ!, Rita's! Plus rock climbing, basketball & volleyball, Human Jenga and Twister, inflatables, casino games, (3) caricature artists and tons of prizes!

**Tickets:** AFTER PROM TICKETS will not be sold online. (**Prom tickets will be sold online**) **RP3 tickets will be sold on the following dates: April 26, 27, 28 and the week of the prom: May 8,9,10,11.** They will be sold during all lunch periods.

**Cost: \$15.00** Cash or Check. Forms will be in the prom packets sent home next week. For more info about RP3, please follow us on twitter (@AHSRP3), and friend us on FB (ATHOLTON POST PROM PARTY). Need more information? Email [president@atholtonptsa.org](mailto:president@atholtonptsa.org).

**The Dale Carnegie Young Adult Leadership Program (Y.A.L.P) is designed to differentiate students for their futures.** This is the world famous Dale Carnegie Course customized for teenagers.

Young Leaders learn how to:

1. Communicate more confidently in front of groups and with teachers, parents, coaches, and peers
2. Enhance Leadership abilities within sport teams, clubs, group projects, and extracurricular activities
3. Better manage attitude, procrastination, and stress
4. Build Confidence and expand comfort zone
5. Sell ideas and themselves in interviews and college applications

This upcoming Y.A.L.P is open to teenagers 14-19 years old. There are four program sessions: June 22nd & 27th, July 11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Each session runs from 9am-5pm and are held at Cattail Creek Country Club in Glenwood, MD. The program is eligible for college credit and it looks great on college applications and resumes. For more information contact Hillary Doyle- [hillary.doyle@dalecarnegie.com](mailto:hillary.doyle@dalecarnegie.com); 410-560-2188 ext.112 Visit our website for student and parent testimonials: [www.dalecarnegieyouth.com](http://www.dalecarnegieyouth.com)

## **Scholarships and Awards**

See the Scholarship List in your Naviance account to download application materials (unless otherwise noted) or visit the Student Services office. **If you have questions about a scholarship, instead of replying to this email, please see the description for contact 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. **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](mailto: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](mailto:cjbathras@comcast.net))** with questions.

## **Regional Scholarship Opportunities**

### **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, [tglaser@howardcc.edu](mailto:tglaser@howardcc.edu) for questions.

## **PREVIOUSLY SHARED INFORMATION**

**The Atholton Art Department along with the National Art Honors Society are proud to announce that *Empty Bowls* and our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Art Show are being held together on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> after Spring Break!** The whole Atholton community and friends are invited to come support our young artists and at the same time help out the Grassroots Program. Grassroots is a local 24-hour resource available to individuals and families in crisis or in need of immediate assistance and Empty Bowls is a fund raiser for this wonderful program. All you do is purchase an artistically made bowl, eat lots of soup and all the proceeds go to Grassroots.

Come see the beautiful artwork, take home an attractive ceramic bowl, and eat some delicious soup! ***Empty Bowls*** will be held in the ***main cafeteria*** from **5:00 – 7:00** and the ***Art Show*** will take place in the ***small gymnasium*** from **5:00 pm – 8:00 pm**. The Art Show awards will be presented at 6:30.

### **PTSA Seeks New President for 2017-2018 School Year**

The Atholton High School PTSA is in search of a President for the 2017-2018 school year. This is a 2 year position. It is very important that we identify interested individuals ASAP. The term for our current President will be ending in June although she will continue on the Executive Board as Immediate Past President. This is a critical position – 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. We already have a dedicated group of Executive Board members and committee chairs ready and willing to serve under the President's leadership. If you would like to nominate a candidate or are interested, please contact Nikki Lee ([ndlee247@gmail.com](mailto:ndlee247@gmail.com)). The Election will be held May 15. For more information about the role of the AHS PTSA President please attend upcoming meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month), visit the Atholton PTSA website and/or contact Nikki Lee with questions. Thank you for your consideration.

### **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](http://WWW.THEANSWERCLASS.COM)**

**Greg's Driving School**

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](http://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**

**April 7-All schools close 3 hours early**

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

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

**May 13-Prom @ Turf Valley 8:00pm-Midnight**

**May 14-Raider Post Prom Party @ the "Y" in Ellicott City Midnight-3:30am**

**May 22-Graduation Ceremony 11:00am @ Merriweather Post Pavilion**

***GO RAIDERS!***