

AHS NEWSLETTER 2-16-18

Atholton Community,

We would like to thank Shalini Gidwani, Staff Appreciation Chair, the PTSA and all the other parent volunteers for the wonderful Chocolate Fest this past week. There were so many delicious treats and homemade goodies for our staff. We truly appreciate all their efforts. It was amazing!

AP exams registration has begun and registrations forms can be found on Naviance. Please turn in your completed forms with your payment to Student Services.

We hope you will join us for our spring musical the Addams Family. Whether you are an Addams Family fan from the movies, the TV show, or the cartoons, spending time with the Addams Family is creepy, kooky fun! Performances will be on March 1st – 3rd at 7:00 pm and a matinee on Saturday March 3rd at 2:00 pm. Please join us.

Regards,

JoAnn Hutchens

BLACK HISTORY ORATORY CONTEST SEMI FINALIST

Congratulations to AHS junior, Kayla Smith for being selected as a semi-finalist in WJZ's 2018 Black History Oratory Contest.

As a semi-finalist, Kayla will present her memorized essay at 1:00pm on February 25th before an audience and panel of judges at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture in Baltimore.

Best wishes to Kayla in her next level of competition!

100 WINS

Way to go Lady Raiders! Congratulations to Coach Julia Reynold, as she led the Lady Raiders to a great victory against Mt. Hebron. This will be marked as Ms. Reynold's 100th win in her coaching career. Best wishes to Ms. Reynold and the Girls Basketball Team on their continued success!

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

AHS AP SPANISH STUDENTS RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR ARTISTS AND EDUCATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA

From **02/19/2018 to 03/05/2018**, Atholton High School's AP Spanish Language and Culture classes will be selling hand-woven bracelets, or 'pulseras' in Spanish, to empower the artists who make them in Nicaragua & Guatemala. The sale was organized through the Pulsera Project, a Fair Trade nonprofit organization that empowers and educates people in the U.S. and Central America through pulsera sales that benefit fair trade jobs, worker rights, sustainability, and education, while learning about the culture, lives, and struggles of Central Americans.

Bracelets are \$5.00 and will be sold at lunch and during Raider Time in room Mrs. Street's room, C152.

This year's AP Spanish Language students are exploring Poverty and Effects on Education. AHS's AP Spanish Language students are among the first groups in the nation to pilot the College Board's AP with WE Service program the program is designed to integrate service learning opportunities into their AP curricula. Through the Pulsera Project sales, students will be able to help make an impact and support educational programs throughout Central America.

The AP with WE Service connects a rigorous academic experience with service learning in an effort to help students become mindful leaders and active citizens. Students will be urged to take action on the service opportunities that matter most to them.

"AP students in this pilot program will have the chance to apply their rigorous academic learning in real world settings and situations. By merging meaningful service learning with AP coursework, these young people will be empowered to become engaged citizens on issues of interest to them." Jason Manoharan, Vice President for AP Program Management and Strategy at the College Board.

AND don't forget to purchase a Pulsera-Gram to send to your friends on March 20th, International Day of Happiness! Feel free to contact Mrs. Street for more information.

ATHLETICS :

Winter Sports Awards Ceremony

The Winter sports award ceremony will be held on Wednesday, February 28th 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.

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 2nd 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 1st.

For more information, please feel free to contact Mr. Senisi at Michael_Senisi@hcpss.org

Fall 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.

FEED THE FUTURE

Feed the Future, a community service club at Atholton, is holding it's 2nd annual food drive from February 5th to March 9th! Homerooms are competing to bring in the most non-perishable goods to win delicious prizes. Help Atholton do its part in giving back to the community, especially at this time of the year when donations to food pantries are typically sparse. Donate now! See more at feedthefutureahs.weebly.com/food-drive.

GIRL UP CAMPAIGN

On Saturday, February 24th, the Girl Up campaign will be hosting a Regional Girl Up Leadership Summit for students in the greater Howard County area at the Miller Branch Library (in the Patapsco/Ellicott meeting rooms) from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Girl Up is a gender equality organization that works under the United Nations foundation to make sure that girls in developing countries are healthy, safe, and educated. This event aims to bring together passionate youth advocates to learn from influential speakers, share relevant opportunities, participate in thought-provoking discussions, and network with student leaders in their community. There will be several seminars, workshops, and fun activities! Lunch is provided.

Interested participants can register here -- tinyurl.com/mdgirlup -- if they'd like to pay the attendance fee at the door, or here -- tinyurl.com/hcgirlup -- if they can pay the fee online. The registration fee is a \$10 direct donation to the Girl Up campaign. Every penny counts towards

helping one disadvantaged girl achieve her dreams!

If you would like to find more information about Girl Up clubs in HoCo, please visit our website: <http://hocogirlup.weebly.com/>.

ANNUAL HOWARD COUNTY INVITATIONAL SWIM MEET

The Columbia Clippers are proud to sponsor the Annual Howard County Invitational Swim Meet. It will be held on Sunday, April 30th at Howard Community College and is open to all Howard County Public High School Students. You do not need to be on a year-round swim team to participate.

Consider being a team captain for your school! Come to an informational meeting on March 13th at 7pm at the Columbia Aquatics Office, located at 9450 Gerwig Lane. There is no limit to the number of team captains and will look great when included in your college and job applications. More information may be found at:

Instagram: howardcountyswims

Facebook: search for Howard County Invitational Swim Meet

Each participating high school will receive a donation towards its after prom party. Additional monetary prizes will be given to the first, second, and third place schools. Questions? Want more information? Please mail howardcoinvitationalswimmeet@gmail.com.

RAIDER POST PROM PARTY (RP3)

Raider Post Prom Party (RP3) 1st Meeting 2/20/18 After the PTSA Meeting PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST AFTERPROM MEETING - February 20, 2018 8pm (after the PTSA Meeting) in the Media Center. 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 Afterpom at the YMCA in Ellicott City, MD. The Afterprom will have great food, inflatables, activities including jenga, 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
- Bus - 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

NEW PTSA BOARD MEMBERS FOR 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 1/16 You can also contact Nikki Lee (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.atholtonpts.org/join. Questions? Email membership@atholtonpts.org. Thank you in advance for your membership!

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@atholtonpts.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.

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
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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 click here.

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 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. To register, please visit: www.theanswerclass.com or call 410-997-3006.

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, 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

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/
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 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!