

## **AHS Newsletter 4-21-17**

Atholton Community,

Prom tickets are on sale online now until April 28<sup>th</sup>. Online payments must be redeemed at the ticket table for a printed Prom ticket April 24<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>. Your online receipt is not a ticket, but rather serves as a type of payment to AHS. Tickets will also be sold during lunches only from April 24<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>. Our final head count is due to the venue at the close of business on April 28<sup>th</sup>, so there will be no exceptions. Please plan ahead. To avoid the long lines, do not wait until the last day to buy your ticket. A completed Guest Approval Form is required for all non-AHS dates. These must be completed by April 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Council of Elders had their Celebration of Achievement this past Wednesday evening honoring over 40 of our seniors who have maintained a GPA of 3.0 or above during their high school career. We are very proud of our remarkable students who have many talents among their academic success. In addition, Mikel Irvin was selected from all the high schools in Howard County for the Gloria Washington Wallace Award. This award goes to one male and one female in the county who have shown the greatest academic improvements during their high school career. This student also demonstrates the relationship of improved performance based on the 6 P's: Proud, Prepared, Prompt, Productive, Polite and Persistent. Congratulations!

Please join us for our Empty Bowls community event and Art show this evening from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Empty Bowls is a collaborative effort between Atholton students, teachers, parents and community members in an effort to raise money for Grassroots. There will be soup in our cafeteria and a student art show and performances in the auxiliary gym.

Want to get involved? Our PTSA needs your help. They are looking for someone to take on the role of PTSA president. They have a very experienced and supportive Board who is willing to help with the transition for the new president. Lesley Ahmuty, our current president, will continue in an advisory role to guide anyone considering this position. This is an excellent way to get to know the staff, students and parents of our wonderful community. Please contact Lesley Ahmuty at [lahmuty@verizon.net](mailto:lahmuty@verizon.net) if you have any questions or need more information.

JoAnn Hutchens  
Principal

## **NEW INFORMATION**

**Students with Samsung Galaxy Note 7 Phones**

Please be advised that due to recent recalls of the Samsung Galaxy Note7 smartphone, these phones are no longer allowed on school property, effective immediately. The lithium-ion battery in the Galaxy Note7 smartphones can overheat and catch fire, posing serious fire and burn hazard to consumers.

More information on the Galaxy Note7 recall can be found on the [Samsung website](#) and on the [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission website](#).

Please direct any questions to the HCPSS Office of Safety, Environment and Risk Management.

### **AP EXAM WEEKS ARE COMING UP- Some information that you need to know**

For the morning tests: Please arrive no later than 7:30 AM

For the afternoon tests: Please arrive no later than 11:30 AM

If your student is taking a test in the AM and PM on the same day, please make sure that they bring their lunch with them. There will be no time for them to run out and get lunch.

For safety purposes, please make sure that your student is picked up promptly after completion of the test.

**May 1: 8:00 a.m.** Chemistry / Environmental Science

**Noon:** Psychology

**May 2: 8:00 a.m.** Computer Science A / Spanish Language & Culture

**Noon:** Physics 1: Algebra Based

**May 3: 8:00 a.m.** English Literature and Composition

**Noon:** Studio Art (2D Design) and Drawing

**May 4: 8:00 a.m.** United States Government and Politics

**May 5: 8:00 a.m.** U.S. History

**Noon:** Computer Science Principles

**May 8: 8:00 a.m.** Biology / Music Theory

**Noon:** Physics C: Mechanics

**2:00 p.m.** Physics C: Electricity Magnetism

**May 9: 8:00 a.m.** Calculus AB / Calculus BC

**Noon:** French Language & Culture

**May 10: 8:00 a.m.** English Language and Composition

**Noon:** Macroeconomics

**May 11: 8:00 a.m.** Comparative Government & Politics / World History

**Noon:** Statistics

**May 12: 8:00 a.m.** Human Geography / Microeconomics

**Noon:** European History / Latin

**The Pre-Medicine Club at Centennial is holding a Medical Seminar on April 22 from 9am-3pm in the Media Center.** We would like to invite all high school students in Howard county to this event. There will be sessions by doctors, a pre med student and a current medical student followed by a panel. The medical seminar is called: "Reflecting on Perspectives in Modern Medicine."

Registration is free and will begin at 9 and end at 9:30. Lunch will be provided.

**APRIL SHOWERS RAIN DOWN SAVINGS ON SPIRIT WEAR!**

All SHORT SLEEVED T-SHIRTS on sale for \$10 and UMBRELLAS on sale for \$5  
(Limited Sizes & Quantities Available)

Go to <https://squareup.com/store/atholton-athletic-boosters/> to order.

**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 1 or 2-year position. As PTSA President you would preside over the monthly meeting and oversee the Executive Board and Committee Chairs. 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.

**University of Maryland WIAA Day April 23, 2017**

The Women in Aeronautics and Astronautics (WIAA) organization at the University of Maryland seeks to provide a community that empowers women of all ages to pursue careers within the aerospace industry. WIAA focuses on professional development and networking, technical empowerment, community service, and outreach. This year, WIAA will be hosting 175 high

school students and a parent for WIAA Day on Sunday, April 23, 2017. The event will include 2 keynote speakers from females atop the aerospace industry, an opportunity to ask both working engineers and UMD students questions on a panel, and a chance for students to work in teams to develop a mission to Mars. Parents will hear presentations about the Engineering Career and Co-Op Office, classes to take in high school and the application process, and Women in Engineering programs at UMD. They will also have a chance to ask a student panel questions. . The link to sign up is on the flyer and can also be found here: [ter.ps/wiaaday2017](http://ter.ps/wiaaday2017). Please note the deadline for registration is this Thursday, April 20 at 3 PM. Please feel free to email me (Samantha Howard) at [samhoward218@gmail.com](mailto:samhoward218@gmail.com) or [wiaaterps@gmail.com](mailto:wiaaterps@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **Reflections**

This year 20 AHS students submitted 21 entries in the categories of photography, literature, film and visual arts, 8 of the 21 went on to compete at the County level. Those students that moved on to the county competition are the following: in photography 1<sup>st</sup> place-Jamie Kotler and Andersen Hensen, 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Sophia Lasher, 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Daniel Roerty; in the special artist category for a Film entry is Alec Chase; a visual art piece by Christine Kwon and a Literature entry by Sonya Lefors. Five of these students even went to the State competition. Those students were Alec Chase, Andersen Hensen, Jamie Kotler, Sophia Lasher and Christine Kwon. GO RAIDERS!!

In recognition of their participation, the PTSA is presenting a gift cards and certificates to each student participant at the awards assemblies at the end of the year.

### **Greg's Driving School**

Dates for the Spring and Summer Greg's Driving School Program at AHS:

April 24, 2017 - May 24, 2017 (Mon/Wed) 2:45 – 6pm

April 25, 2017 - May 25, 2017 (Tues/Thurs) 2:45 – 6pm

June 19, 2017 – June 30, 2017 (Mon – Fri) 2 weeks 9am – 12:15pm

July 10, 2017 – July 21, 2017 Mon – Fri) 2 weeks 9am – 12:15pm

July 24, 2017 – August 4, 2017 Mon – Fri) 2 weeks 9am – 12:15pm

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, please Contact Greg's Driving School or to register: <http://www.GregsDrivingSchool.net> or [301-829-7387](tel:301-829-7387).

### **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):**

- 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)

**Kaplan: (LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR KAPLAN TEST PREP!)**

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

### **SNACK SHOP**

The AHS Snack Shop needs you! If you are available between the hours of 2pm-3pm on the weekday, please contact Ilene Fishkind, AHS Snack Shop Volunteer Coordinator [SnackShop@atholtonpts.org](mailto:SnackShop@atholtonpts.org) OR [AHSSnackShop@gmail.com](mailto:AHSSnackShop@gmail.com) (410) 530-7683 to sign up! Spring sports are starting this week, so we will have a bunch of athletes who are looking for a snack before practices and games. Also, students who stay after school for club meetings, drivers education and extra academic work can grab a snack before their activity. If our Snack Shop doesn't have two volunteers, we cannot open and the students are disappointed. I wanted to give a big shout out to all the new volunteers this year and the ones who have been dedicated year after year. You are all appreciated! Please continue helping out the PTSA sponsored Snack Shop!

**HC DrugFree will present "Not My Child"** on April 25 at River Hill High School at 7:00 p.m. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend to learn more about the drugs abused in Howard County, what we all need to know and do about the rise in overdose deaths happening here, how parents and the community can better arm ourselves to help our children (whether pre-teens or adult children), and much more. Speakers will be announced in April. Visit [www.hcdrugfree.org](http://www.hcdrugfree.org).

**Medication and "Sharps" (needles, syringes, and EpiPens) Take Back Day** will be held on April 29 at the Wilde Lake Village Center near the UPS Store and Slayton House between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Because 3 out of 4 people using heroin began with the use of prescription medication, HC DrugFree and the Howard County Police urge you to clean out your unneeded or expired medications and join your friends at HC DrugFree's quick and convenient drive-thru collection of medication and sharps. There's no need to get out of your vehicle. Just look for the teens in bright green shirts holding the signs and directing traffic around the parking lot. Howard County Police will receive, secure, and transport your medications for proper disposal. Medical personnel will receive and handle all of your sharps for proper recycling. Be sure to secure your medications to keep them out of the hands of everyone for whom they are not prescribed. If you have questions, visit [www.hcdrugfree.org](http://www.hcdrugfree.org) and go to the Drug Take Back page or contact HC DrugFree at 443-325-0040 or [admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:admin@hcdrugfree.org).

## **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.

**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>

### **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

### **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 Atholton dance studio. On Thursday, students should arrive at the time slot they signed up for on Tuesday; 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](mailto:nicole_payne@hcpss.org) or (410) 313-7065.

**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!



**Prom is Saturday, May 13, 2017. PROM tickets are on sale** online through 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).

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

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

**May 17-Last day of school for seniors**

**May 19-Professional Learning / Articulation Day-Schools closed for students**

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

**May 29-Memorial Day-Schools and offices closed**

**June 12-High schools only close 3 hours early**

**June 13-All schools close 3 hours early**

**June 14-Last student day-All schools close 3 hours early**

***GO RAIDERS!***



