

## AHS Newsletter 4-20-18

Dear Atholton Community,

Congratulations to Mr. Woomert for being selected as the Maryland Music Educator of the Year. This is a true testament to Mr. Woomert's talent, hard work and dedication. His students nominated him and he is very deserving of this prestigious award.

As a result of our amazing Robotics Team needing to travel to Detroit next week, the Music Dept. has shuffled the Spring Concert schedule. The new concert schedule is as follows:

- Orchestra Concert @ 6:00pm on Mon., April 23
- Band Concert @ 7:30pm on Mon., April 23
- Choir Concert @ 7:00pm on Tues., April 24

We hope you will be able to join us for our Empty Bowl event on Tuesday, April 24 from 5-7 PM. This event is in collaboration with our 4th annual AHS student art show and performances. With a donation of \$10 you select a student designed and created ceramic bowl and get to enjoy some soup/salad and dessert. The bowl is yours to keep and 100% of the donations go directly to Grassroots. After you finish your meal you can view the students' artwork and then stop by the auditorium for our choir concert at 7 PM.

Congratulations to the Atholton High School Swim team who took 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Howard County Championship Meet last weekend.

Report cards will be distributed to students on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and our Honor Roll celebration will be on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

AP exam registration is closed. Students taking the AP exam are required to participate in a pre-administration session next Thursday, April 26, 2018 between 7:30 – 10:00 am. Students taking an AP exam must attend the time designated for their first exam and complete information for their exam. Students will attend one meeting. At pre-administration students will receive testing information as well as their AP number for this year, which they will need to access their scores. There are posters around the school with specific times for students to report to the cafeteria. Please contact Ms. Beneski in Student Services if you have any questions.

Regards,  
JoAnn Hutchens

### **CALLING ALL DRAMA STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

Celebrate another wonderful year of productions with us. This year's Drama Banquet will be held on Monday, May 7th, at 6:00 PM, in the cafeteria, followed by the Awards Presentation in the auditorium. Students and their families are invited to attend. The dinner will be catered by Qdoba, and the cost is \$10 per person. The payment for the banquet is due by Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>; payment will not be accepted at the door.

Please visit <https://www.atholtondrama.org/drama-banquet/> for the order form for the banquet, along with details about the menu and payment methods.

### **ARE YOU MOVING OR HAVE YOU MOVED AND/OR NOT RETURNING TO ATHOLTON HIGH FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR?**

If you know that you will be relocating over the summer or you have moved during this school year, please notify AHS Student Services as soon as possible at 410-313-7068 or email Ms. Fales at [Candyce\\_fales@hcpss.org](mailto:Candyce_fales@hcpss.org) or Ms. Sultan at [Allison\\_sultan@hcpss.org](mailto:Allison_sultan@hcpss.org). You will need to complete an address change form, and provide updated proofs of residency. If you are leaving the area you will need to officially withdraw and complete a withdrawal form. During the school year, transfer packets take a minimum of 24 hours to prepare. Since we do not have a full registration staff during the summer, transfer packets and records may take longer to get to you and new school(s).

Please remember, report cards and schedules are mailed home, and if we do not have your updated information, you and your child may miss out on important information.

### **PTSA NEWS:**

#### **College Panel May 14, 2018**

Back by popular demand. . . On Monday, May 14, the PTSA will host “Surviving the College Application Process” for AHS parents/guardians. Parents will meet in the Media Center at 7:00 p.m. for a brief PTSA General Meeting to elect officers for the 2018-19 school year, and then parents of graduating AHS seniors will share advice and recent experience on how to navigate the college admissions process.

#### **AFTER PROM - Raider Post Prom Party (RP3) Volunteers, Tickets and Donations**

The PTSA of Atholton High School is proud to sponsor the Raider Post Prom Party at the YMCA in Ellicott City from 12am-3:30am May 13, 2018. You do not have to go to the Prom to attend the After Prom. Cost of the ticket is \$20 and includes bus transportation from M&T Bank Stadium to the After Prom at the YMCA in Ellicott City. We will have food including chic-fillet, pizza, Q-doba, smoothies, and Ritas. Activities include airbrush tattoos, rock climbing wall, inflatables, laser tag, a money machine, games, a movie room and prizes. And, we've ordered extra seating for the kids to just hang out.

The link for forms is

[https://www.atholtonptsa.org/media/library/2018/04/10/RP3\\_2018\\_Forms\\_5\\_pgs.pdf](https://www.atholtonptsa.org/media/library/2018/04/10/RP3_2018_Forms_5_pgs.pdf)

#### **WHY YOUR STUDENT SHOULD GO**

Keep your student from going to a party and minimize their opportunity to get in trouble. Parents who have parties at their house are not supporting the school's goal of keeping students safe. Parents could face potential liability if something happens. Please support the PTSA by encouraging your student to attend the after prom.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

The PTSA needs 24 volunteers to help sell Prom tickets and After Prom Tickets. Prom tickets will be sold on-line and during lunch only April 23 – 27, 2018. After Prom tickets will also be sold April 23-27. May 2-5 and May 9-11, 2018. Please sign up to help us sell tickets during lunch. We also need volunteers for the night of the After Prom and to bring desserts to the After Prom.

**Sign-ups are below:**

Volunteer to help sell tickets - [Prom and after prom ticket sales](#)

Volunteers are needed for the After Prom - [After prom volunteers](#).

Volunteers to bring Prom Desserts - [After prom desserts](#)

### **DONATIONS**

We have raised almost \$7,800 to date. Thank you to the following **families** who have donated to the Raider Post Prom Party (RP3): Altaner, Armstead, Bass, Bathras, Bendel, Bickel, Bitar, Black-Howell, Burton, Cade, Casto, Ciccone, Codespote, Crone, D'Amico, D'Antonio, Daniel, Daniel, Darko, Devroye, Dickover, Doan, Drumheller, Engle, Fishkind, Francesconi, Francesconi, Frazier, Gelak, Geraghty, Gidwani, Goodmark, Gorski-Cullen, Hall, Harvey, Hawkins-Eidson, Hess, Hobbs, Johnson, Johnson, Kann, Kassman, Kelley, Kim, Kwon, Lasher, Lawrence, Lazas, Lennon, Leung, Lindberg, Looney, Maisel, Marshall, Martineau, Masood, McAlduff, Medina, Merwitz, Mize, Morris, Na, Nasir, Oji, Perret, Pilevsky, Scanlon, Schoen, Scollar, Semmont, Shapiro, Shapiro, Shapiro, Shin, Simons, Sioma, Slaughter, Snow, Spain, Sprecher, Teshome, Weber, Wenderoth, Wolfert, Yamamoto, Yamamoto, Yasuda, Zhao, Zinderman, Zoch.

Thank you to our **Corporate and Community Sponsors**: AHS Athletic Boosters, Greg's Driving School, Hickory Ridge Community Association, Howard County Government, River Hill Community Association, Merriweather Post Pavilion, Sports Clips of River Hill, Target, The Answer, The Pearl, Trader Joes, and Wegmans.

Our goal is to collect **\$10,000 in donations to offset expenses for the Raider Post Prom Party on May 13, 2018!** 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 greatly appreciated. In addition to your donation, this year we are also collecting **gift cards** that can be used as prizes. This is a great opportunity to clean out your wallet of all the gift cards you never remember to use!

To donate, 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 mail to Atholton High School PTSA, RP3 Donation, 6520 Freetown Rd., Columbia, MD 21044.

Questions? Email [AfterProm@atholtonptsa.org](mailto:AfterProm@atholtonptsa.org)

### **PTSA Executive Board 2018-2019**

The following is the slate of Officers for the PTSA Executive Board for the 2018-2019 school year:

President – Kim Lowe  
Treasurer - VACANT  
1st Vice President - Nikki Lee  
2nd Vice President -Saira A Khan  
Recording Secretary - Saira A Khan  
Corresponding Secretary - VACANT  
PTAC Representative - Lisa Rhodes

If you would like to be considered for Treasurer or another PTSA position, please contact Lesley Ahmuty (lahmuty@verizon.net). Elections will be held in May 14, 2018. Thank you!

### **SAT and ACT TEST PREP AT ATHOLTON HS** **Is Your College-Bound Student Taking the SAT or ACT Soon?**

Register NOW for [Comprehensive and Convenient SAT and/or ACT Prep](#) at Atholton HS! **The Answer Class** helps students gain confidence in their test-taking abilities and teaches tips and strategies on timing, guessing, and scoring. Students get the prep they need and the school benefits too: 20% of all tuition collected is donated to the AHS PTSA! To date, more than 5,300 students have taken The Answer Class and **over 97% of them say they would recommend it to a friend!**

### **Spring SAT Prep at AHS**

M/W May 14 & 16 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

### **Spring/Summer ACT Prep at AHS**

M/W May 21 & 23 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm OR

M/W June 25 & 27 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Regular Tuition is only **\$159/class OR \$249 for the SAT/ACT combination package.**

Early bird Discount! Register at least one week ahead of your course and save \$10!

**Register today at:** <http://www.theanswerclass.com/>

### **Register NOW for Atholton's Kaplan SAT and ACT prep classes!**

Think you could use some extra help preparing for the SAT or ACT? Well the Atholton PTSA has your back. The Atholton PTSA will be hosting a Kaplan SAT prep class on Saturdays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays starting on **4/28/18** and a Kaplan ACT prep class also on Saturdays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays starting on **5/12/18**. Each of these classes consist of 18 hours of instruction plus two in person practice tests. Students will also have access to a wealth of Kaplan's online prep resources including additional practice tests, sample questions, and video lessons. These classes are also fundraisers for the PTSA, so everyone come out and prep for the SAT or ACT while supporting your PTSA! Kaplan has updated their website for Atholton, please use this new link to register for Kaplan's SAT and ACT prep classes: <https://www.kaptest.com/college-prep/atholton>

### **SPRING CLASSES FOR Greg's Driving School**

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

**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) click [here](#).

### **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.

**ATHOLTON ATHLETICS Week in Advance April 23<sup>rd</sup>-April 27<sup>th</sup>**

We are excited about the upcoming spring season. Please come out and support the Raiders on the courts and fields. Below are next week's games.

Date	Sport	Time	Opponent	Location
Monday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Baseball & Softball	Baseball: 4:15pm Softball: 4pm	Glenelg	Jv: Away Var: Home
	Tennis	3pm	Glenelg	Home
Tuesday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Allied Softball	3pm	Glenelg	Away
	Softball	4pm	Long Reach	Jv: Away Var: Home
Wednesday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tennis	3pm	Mt. Hebron	Away
	Lacrosse	JV: 4pm Var: 5:30pm	Marriotts Ridge	Girls: Home Boys: Away
	Baseball & Softball	Baseball: 4:15pm Softball: 4pm	Mt. Hebron	JV: Home Var: Away
Thursday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Allied Softball	3pm	Meadowbrook	Away
Friday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tennis	3pm	Howard	Home
	Track and Field	TBD	Reservoir HS	Away
	Baseball & Softball	Baseball: 4:15pm Softball: 4pm	Howard	JV: Away Var: Home

	• Varsity Lacrosse	7pm	Howard	Girls: Home Boys: Away
Saturday, April 28th	Tennis	9am	River Hill	Away
	Track and Field	TBD	Reservoir HS	Away

- Indicates an admission charge of \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.

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](#)

#### **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**

April 21-One Night Only! -Auditorium @ 7pm

May 7-Drama Boosters Banquet & Awards Night-Cafeteria @ 6pm

May 12-Prom

May 13-After Prom Party

May 14-PTSA Elections and College Panel @ 7pm

May 31-Graduation-Merriweather Post Pavilion @ 11am

**GO RAIDERS!**

