

## **AHS NEWSLETTER 5-12-17**

Atholton Community,

The Dance Concert this past Thursday was excellent and we will have another performance tonight at 7:00 pm. We hope you get an opportunity to see our students share their talents.

On behalf of all the staff members of Atholton High School, I want to thank the Atholton High PTSA for their hard work during Staff Appreciation Week. They went above and beyond in supporting our staff. We value our partnership with you and appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness this past week.

Next week is the last week of school for our seniors. We will truly miss our students and we wish them the best. We have graduation rehearsal, our awards ceremony and senior finals all packed into 3 days.

Please check our website <http://ahs.hcpss.org/news/2016/11/2017-graduation-information> for more information. Students will receive their graduation tickets next week. Any senior with obligations will have to stop by the front office and fulfill their obligations in order to receive their graduation tickets.

Graduation is May 22<sup>nd</sup> and Atholton will be closing at 10:15 so students and staff can attend the ceremony.

JoAnn Hutchens  
Principal

## **NEW INFORMATION**

### **SPORTS ON FOR TODAY!**

Softball is a go @ JM Bennett at 4:00PM.

Boys Lacrosse is a go @ Wilde Lake High School @ 5:00PM.

### **SPORTS POSTPONED!**

Baseball vs Hammond High School is postponed until Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM.

### **ATHOLTON HIGH SCHOOL GLOW RUN FOR THE CURE**

Join us on **Friday, June 2nd** at Atholton High School for a Glow Run - a night filled with neon, lights, food, and more! All of the proceeds will go to Matsie's Lights of Love and Dr. David Loeb's Rhabdomyosarcoma Research. At 6:30 PM come dressed in your neon apparel to Atholton High School for Raider Fest, where you can enjoy many activities set up by Atholton's very own clubs. In addition to the many festivities at Raiderfest, there will also be food and a

station to pick up your t-shirt and the rest of your race packet. At around 8:30 PM we will kick off the run. The run is in memory of Atholton alum Matsie Bosmans who recently passed away from cancer.

***Event details and schedule:***

Arrive between 6:30PM and 7:30 PM to pick up your race packet at Raider Fest, which will be held at the stadium. The Glow Run (2 mile walk/run) will begin around 8:30 PM on the track. Thanks again and we hope to see you there! To register, please click on the following link: <http://www.active.com/.../atholton-high-school-glow-run-for-t...>

**Congratulations to the AHS Best Buddies Team for being the Number One Fund-Raising Team over 100 corporate and high school teams in the entire state of Maryland for the Annual Best Buddies Friendship Walk that took place on May 6th at the University of Maryland.**

Four AHS Team members were also in the **Top 10 Individual Fundraisers** in Maryland – Congratulations to **#1 Nicole Roberts, #4 Bradley Wilson, #6 Tara Donovan, and #9 Glenn Donovan!**

As the Number One team, the Atholton team was the Grand Marshals and led the Friendship Walk! The Annual Best Buddies Friendship Walk is the primary fund-raiser for Best Buddies Maryland; donations help maintain existing programs and establish new Best Buddies programs throughout the state.

The Walk website will remain open through July for tax-deductible donations for all interested in supporting this great organization!

<https://bestbuddiesfriendshipwalk.org/Maryland/supporting/#AtholtonHigh>

*Best Buddies, a non-profit, is dedicated to creating opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Thank you for supporting Best Buddies!*

**100+ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE AFTERPROM**

We need 100+ volunteers to have a successful RP3. There are many ways to get involved. You can make baked goods, help pick up food or help run games to name a few. Please use the Volunteer sign up link: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090B4CAFAD22A5FC1-atholton](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090B4CAFAD22A5FC1-atholton)  
We will also need 25 desserts and you can sign up bring desserts. Use this sign up link: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090B4CAFAD22A5FC1-after](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090B4CAFAD22A5FC1-after) .

**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

**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES AND GROUPS WHO HAVE DONATED:**

Aesthetic Dental Center of Columbia, Ake, Atholton Athletic Boosters, Barker, Bathras, Bendel, Bickel, Black-Howell, Borgwardt, Boule, Bradshaw, Buhr, Cade, Cardea, Carey, Clark, Codespote, Crider, Davidson, Deblasis, Digby, Dula, Ennaciri, Farnan, Fishkind, Flynn, Foster, Fournet, Francesconi, Frazier, Fultz, Gelb, Gidwani, Gordon, Gorski-Cullen, Greenblatt, Greenwood, Hamet, Harvey, Hassett, Hobbs, Howard County Public Schools, Jackson, James, Jaquis, Johnson, Kann, Kasemeyer, Kelley, Khan, Konigstein, Kwon, Lasher, Lazas, Lee, Lee, Leung, Lovera, Mahadevia, Maisel, Martineau, Masood, McAlduff, McAllister, McNamara, Medina, Meissner, Monch, Monthie, Moody, Mount Zion United Methodist Women, Nair, O'Hara, Orlosky, Peraza, Peterson, Pilevsky, Punjabi, Quinn, Rao, River Hill Community Association, Robinson, Rogofsky, Roylo, Ruley, Sadler, Saula, Schoen, Schomburger, Shapiro, Shields, Simmerly, Singh, Slaughter, Snow, Stegall, Stevens, Struble, Swain, Taber, Tarantino, Teshome, Totaro, Underwood, Wargo, Weber, Weinberg, Weng, White, Zhang, and Zoch.

**Combat Spring Fever ...with a Final Exam Survival Kit for your student.**

Survival Kit consists of hydration, sweet & savory snacks, stress busters & study tip.

Final Exam Survival Kits are a Raider tradition that supports your student as they persevere to finish the academic year!

Available for \$10.00 via check or \$10.50 on Paypal.

Deadline is Wednesday May 31, 2017.

Here is the link to purchase online: [SURVIVAL KIT PURCHASE](#)

OR...send the order form/\$10 check payable to "Atholton Drama Boosters" to the front office\*\*\*.

Questions? Email [kathryn.moran.silberman@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.moran.silberman@gmail.com)

*Thank you for supporting this important AHS Drama Boosters fundraiser!*

\*\*\*If you send in a check, please be sure to include a personalized note for the recipient. It will be transcribed and included in the Kit.

## **PREVIOUSLY SHARED INFORMATION**

### **PTSA College Information Night for Parents**

Back by popular demand. . . On Monday, May 15, the PTSA will host "Surviving the College Application Process" for AHS parents/guardians. Parents will meet in the Media Center at 6:45 p.m. for a brief PTSA General Meeting to elect officers for the 2017-18 school year, and then

parents of graduating AHS seniors will share advice and recent experience on how to navigate the college admissions process. Questions? Please email Lori Riordan (theriordans@comcast.net).

**Nominate Staff Members for Above and Beyond Awards:** Parents, this is your chance to recognize staff members who have made a real difference to your student. Every year the PTSA presents "Above and Beyond Awards" to staff members who make an extra effort to support students. We recognize staff members in three categories: Academic, Extracurricular, and Student Services/Support (e.g., office staff, Student Services, custodians). You can nominate one staff member in each category. To submit your nomination(s), send an e-mail to Nikki Lee (ndlee247@gmail.com) indicating the staff member you are nominating, the category for the nomination, and at least one sentence explaining/supporting the nomination. Nominations will be accepted through Friday, June 2, 2017, and the winners will be announced at the staff luncheon which will be held the last week of school.

**Now – May 19: 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](mailto:gilbertsharonr@gmail.com) to have an application and instructions emailed to you OR download from the PTSA website: <https://www.atholtonptsa.org/clubs/52/> . 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.

### **AHS ATHLETICS' BOOSTERS SPIRIT WEAR BLOWOUT SALE!**

Pick up some great deals on Atholton High Spirit Wear this Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00pm in the AHS front lobby!

### **Request from the AHS Health Room**

If your student has medication and/or supplies in the health room, please pick them up by the end of the school day on the last student day (May 17<sup>th</sup> for Seniors, June 14<sup>th</sup> for grades 9-11). All medication left after this time will be discarded. Blank Medication Forms for the 2017-2018 school year will be coming home with your student in the next few days. Thanks so much for your assistance in this matter!

## **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 15-PTSA Elections and College Panel-Media Center @ 6:30pm**

**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 23-PTSA Executive Board Meeting-Media Center @ 7pm**

**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!***