

AHS NEWSLETTER 11-29-18

The AHS Music Department is very busy for the holidays!

Please show your support in one of the following ways (or all of them!) See a movie and take a pie with you! These poinsettias are fabulous. They are very hearty and will last through the holiday season.

1. Poinsettias for Sale!

Selling now through December 5th! Poinsettias will be used to decorate the stage at the Winter Concert and must be picked up after the Concerts, in the Auditorium, by December 18, 2018. Flyer can be found here: <https://www.atholtonmusic.org/poinsettia-sale.html>
Please contact Yen Lin at 301.523.5182 or yen_lin@hotmail.com with any questions

2. Dessert fundraiser ongoing! See your friendly neighborhood music student. Delivery in time for the holidays! On sale now through Nov 26. Sorry, no on line order option.

3. See the movie Instant Family and the Music Department gets a buck for every ticket sold!

Grab your neighbors, friends and family and use this link to buy your ticket:

<https://www.fandango.com/instant-family-2018-213977/movie-overview?a=13034&cmp=13034:FAMILY27202>

Due to the conflict with the Nov. 13 Fall Sports Banquet, the Complimentary Parent Session to Learn about the SAT/ACT will be rescheduled. Look out for the new date in future issues of HCPSS News.

Goals of SAT/ACT Parent Session: The critical information that you will learn will leave you feeling more informed and confident about this next step on your family's college journey. In this session, you will learn the differences between the SAT and ACT, gain several test strategies, and, as well, strategies to help your child succeed during this exciting (and potentially stressful!) time. The evening concludes with a Q&A period.

Carson Scholars Program - Deadline November 30, 2018

Atholton will select one student to nominate as a Carson Scholar candidate. Students in grades 9-11, involved with community service, have earned a 3.75 GPA on the first quarter report card, and who complete an essay may apply. See [AHS Carson Scholars Nomination Criteria](#) for more information.

Is Your College-Bound Student Taking the SAT or ACT Soon?

Register NOW for [Comprehensive and Convenient In-Person SAT and/or ACT Prep](#) at Atholton High School!

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 Atholton HS 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!

Fall/Winter 2018-9 SAT Prep at Atholton HS

Sat., Nov. 10 from 9 am – 1 pm and Mon., Nov. 12 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

OR

Sat., Jan. 5, 2019 from 9 am - 1 pm and Mon., Jan. 7 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

OR

Sat., Feb. 23, 2019 from 9 am - 1 pm and Mon., Feb. 25 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Winter 2018 ACT Prep at Atholton HS

M/W March 18 & 20 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: <https://theanswerclass.com/>

Wednesday 11/14 Leadership and Service Opportunity for All Middle and High School students interested in:

-Sharing the Student Voice on HCPSS Policy and Community Issues

-Gaining Leadership Skills

-Practicing Community Service

-Working with student leaders from across HCPSS

We welcome all interested students to attend Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) meetings throughout the year on the second Wednesday evening of each month.

Next Meeting Wednesday 11/14 7-8:30 at the Homewood School 10914 Clarksville Pike Ellicott City, MD 21042

For more information please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org

A Request to Atholton Families:

Each December on behalf of all AHS families, the PTSA serves a catered lunch to our fantastic AHS staff to show them how much they are appreciated. We know this is a busy time of year, so instead of asking for food contributions, we're asking for cash donations. All families who contribute will be recognized on a large card to our staff. Please consider making a donation (any amount) to support this scrumptious effort. Contribution can be made in one of two ways:

1. By credit card. Follow this link <http://www.atholtonptsa.org/donate/> or access the PTSA website www.atholtonptsa.org and select "Donate to the PTSA!". Please be sure to indicate that your donation is for Staff Appreciation.

2. By check: Mail check, made payable to AHS PTSA , to Shalini Gidwani, 7009 Meandering Stream Way, Fulton, MD 20759.

Please contact Shalini (443)540-1311 or sgidwani3019@gmail.com with any questions. As always, thank you for your support.

WINTER SPORTS TRYOUT INFORMATION

Winter Athletics Forms - The HCPSS Office of Information Technology has developed a portal through HCPSS Connect Parent Access to submit ALL of your Winter 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 2018-19 Winter Athletics sports season.

Concussion baseline testing is no longer mandatory however, participants still need to fill out the concussion awareness form.

If you participate in a fall sports, all you would need is a current utility bill and a parent permission form.

Questions can be directed to Mr. Senisi, Athletic and Activities Manager at: Michael_Senisi@hcpss.org

TRYOUTS: Participants are expected to be at ALL tryouts. Practices will begin immediately after teams are selected. Please plan time accordingly. All participants **MUST** have all forms filled out prior to tryouts. Participants will not be allowed to tryout if paper work is missing or incomplete.

Girls Indoor Track		
Date	November 15 th , 16 th ,17 th	During the season:
Time	Nov 15 th and 16 th : 2:45-5pm Nov 17 th : 11am-1pm	2:45pm-5pm
Location	Atholton Track	
Contact Information	Ivan Alvarado: Ivan Alvarado@hcpss.org	
Comments	Show up dressed to work out, run, and compete in your desired event. Bring a water bottle and watch.	

Boys Indoor Track		
Date	November 15 th , 16 th , 17th	During the season
Time	Nov 15 th and 16 th : 2:45-5pm	2:45pm-5pm

	Nov 17 th : 11am-1pm	
Location	Atholton Track	
Contact Information	Christopher Clark: Christopher_Clark@hcpss.org	
Comments	Show up dressed to work out, run, and compete in your desired event. Bring a water bottle and watch.	

Girls Basketball		
Dates and Times	Nov 15 th : 6:30-8:30pm (main gym) Nov 16 th : Var: 4:30-6:30 (main) JV: 6:30-8:30 (main) Nov 17 th : Var: 8am-10am (main) & 2:30-4pm (back) JV: 12-2 (main)	During the season times will vary. Complete practice and game schedule will be distributed after teams are selected.
Contact Information	Julia Reynold: Julia_Reynold@hcpss.org	
Comments	Wear athletic apparel and basketball shoes. Please do not bring basketballs.	

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Contact Information	Jared Albert: Jared_Albert@hcpss.org	
Comments	Wear athletic apparel and basketball shoes. Please do not bring basketballs.	

Wrestling		
Date	November 15 th , 16 th , 17 th	During the season
Time	Nov 15 th and 16 th : 3-5:30pm Nov 17 th : 10am-12	2:45-5pm
Location	Wrestling Room	Wrestling Room
Contact Information	Bruce Lindblad: Bruce_Lindblad@hcpss.org	
Comments	Must have wrestling shoes	

Cheerleading		
Date	November 15 th , 16 th , 17 th	During the season
Time	Nov 15 th and 16 th : 2:45-5:30pm	

	Nov 17 th : 9am-11am	
Location	cafeteria	
Contact Information	Shonte Wicks: Shonte_Wicks@hcpss.org	
Comments	Bring a water bottle. Wear athletic gear. No loose or big fitting clothing please!	

Allied Bowling		
Date	November 14th	During the season
Time	Raider Time (9:05am)	Practice Monday's & Wednesdays: 2:30-3:30pm
Location	TBD	
Contact Information	Thomas Stuppy: Thomas_Stuppy@hcpss.org	

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 14-Picture retake day
- November 19-Schools close 3 hours early
- November 20-Schools close 3 hours early
- November 21-Schools closed for students
- November 22 & 23-Schools and offices closed

GO RAIDERS!