



**PTSA Monday Message**  
**May 19, 2014**

**1. Upcoming dates:**

**May 19** – “A” Day

**May 24** – Prom

**May 26** – Memorial Day Holiday

**Jun 8** – Baccalaureate 4:00 pm

**Jun 9** – Spring Sports Banquet

**Jun 10-12** – Exams, Early Dismissal

**Jun 13** – Graduation

**2. Administrative/School Counseling News:**

- **SOL testing** begins Monday (regular "A" Day) as Juniors take their Reading SOL. Students only come to school Tuesday through Thursday if they have a test to take---letters were sent home two weeks ago with bus/student schedules. If your child did not receive their schedule, please have them ask their teacher on Monday. Juniors may park without a permit during these three days and any student not riding the bus/walking (permit on file) needs a parent signed note stating that the student has permission to leave the school after finishing testing for the day. There will be no testing on Friday (regular "A" Day). The World Geography SOL is Tuesday, and make-up testing is Tuesday and Wednesday. Please check with your child to see if they know their username/password-if not, they need to go to the main office on Monday and have it reset before testing.

Any questions, please contact Mrs. Huffines -898-0419 or the main office.

- **Summer School Registration** Please see the following link for summer school information! <http://yorkcountyschools.org/docs/SummerAcademicPrograms.pdf>  
For further information call your student's counselor at: 898-0550
- **Attention Senior Parents:** If you want your student's scholarship to be included in the graduation program you must submit your scholarship notification to the School Counseling Office by no later than **Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**! We will include in the program all scholarships offered to your student even if they are not accepting them!
- The Mariners' Museum is looking for Junior Volunteers to help with our summer programming. We have an awesome new exhibit being installed right this minute called "Savage Ancient Seas" and we are looking for kids 14 and over who can assist us! We need kids who are mature enough to represent the Museum and able to interact with visitors of all ages. If you tend to be more quiet, we have a lot of prep work to get ready for our Paleo Camps that are happening this summer as well. It also counts towards your required volunteer hours on your school diploma! POC: Lauren Furey  
<http://www.marinersmuseum.org/visitor-information/junior-volunteer-application>
- **Seminars for College-Bound Students:** Thursdays, May 15 - June 5, 6:30 -8:00 p.m. at Langley Member Education Center. This is a series of free educational seminars geared for parents and young adults who are beginning their college search. The Thursday Night series begins May 15 and continues on May 22,

29 and June 5. Each seminar will feature a speaker from a local college or university who will share tips and advice as students prepare for college. Members and nonmembers of Langley Federal Credit Union are welcome to attend the free seminars, held at Langley's Member Education Center, located at 11742 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 110, Newport News, VA. Register now (<https://www.langleyfcu.org/seminars/>) to attend and to learn more about college preparation.

### **3. PTSA News:**

- The **last day** to purchase After Prom tickets will be Monday, May 19th in the Senior Atrium during all lunch blocks. NO TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.
- Remember to bring the Senior packet with **parental signatures** on all forms and waivers for both the senior and their guest.
- Even if your Senior or the guest is 18 they MUST HAVE A PARENT SIGN THE FORM.
- Tickets are \$10. per person and can be paid for with cash or check (made to PTSA After Prom).
- Packet available online at: [graftonafterprom.com](http://graftonafterprom.com) or on the PTSA website <http://ghsptsa.digitalpto.com/>
  
- **It is only one week until After Prom and We Need Volunteers:** (Both leading up to and on the night of the event) Please email Cindy Howard at [mrshtduck@cox.net](mailto:mrshtduck@cox.net) and she will add you to her lists of the areas that need help still.
- These committees still need Volunteers: Casino, Food Court, Activities & Games, Check In, Set up and Clean up.
- **Decoration volunteers:** (details below) please contact Julie Martin at [paujulmart@netzero.net](mailto:paujulmart@netzero.net) or 757-303-9858
- **Food Donation** sign-up form: [mysignup.com/graftonafterprom-food](http://mysignup.com/graftonafterprom-food)
- **After Prom Event time slots** during the night for Games & Activities: [mysignup.com/graftonafterprom-games](http://mysignup.com/graftonafterprom-games)
  
- **From the After Prom Decorations Chair:**
  
- **Wednesday May 21**, balloon pillars at my house 211 Gardenville Dr. 6:00 p.m. We need people to help blow up and tie balloons. We have a compressor and 2 balloon pumps.
  
- **VOLUNTEER ATTIRE:** Hawaiian shirt, Khaki pants/shorts/skirt. I have 14 shirt left to use for the evening. Grass skirt with or without shell bra o.k., but please wear a shirt and pants underneath. :)
  
- **Friday May 23** Meet at 2:00 at Public storage shed to unload shed. This is the storage shed close to the railroad tracks. Someone will be at the gate to let you in and out. We will then meet at my house 211 Gardenville Drive at 3:30 to unload all the stuff from my house. If you have a truck or trailer they are always helpful. We will meet at the YMCA to unload all the decorations items. I will be staying to organize things for Sat. If you can please stay and help.
  
- **Saturday May 24**, we can start decorations at 5:00 p.m. Decorations go from 5 -11. We will need volunteers to help and if you have a stable ladder please bring it. We can never have too many.
  
- **Sunday May 25**, clean up starts at the YMCA at 4 a.m. Removing decorations and storing them NEATLY takes man power and time. Items and trailers will be taken to 211 Gardenville Drive to be stored until Monday. Brooms, Dustpans and vacuums from home help with the clean-up process. Please bring them if you can.
  
- **Monday May 26**, reloading and organizing the shed takes place. This really requires lots of help. We will be meeting at the storage shed at 11:00 a.m. to unload trailers and trucks, and reload and organize the shed for next year.

- Please mark your calendars to help.

Thank-you,  
Julie A. Martin  
757-303-9858

- The After Prom committee has one last fundraiser for this year. Bass Pro Shops in Hampton kindly donated **a limited edition piece of framed art work** for us to raise money through a silent auction. Attached are the photos of the art work. This would make a great present for an avid fisherman and don't forget that Father's Day comes real soon after Mother's Day!! Check out the photos then send in your donation offer in a sealed envelope via the front office marked After Prom Silent Auction. We will run this up to Friday 23rd May and then contact the winning bidder.
- Attached is this year's application for the **GHS PTSA Excellence in Volunteerism Scholarship**. Deadline is 30 May 2014.
- **Senior Flags and Yard/Table Signs**- We just got a new supply of signs (\$25) in so we have a few more to sell! I can order flags (\$20) through Wed May 28th, so order yours today. You can either email me or send your order form (attached) to the GHS main office. Show your pride of GHS and your senior to the neighborhood! Proceeds of this fundraiser helps support the after prom. Thanks! Deanne Wagner ([wagsvegas@aol.com](mailto:wagsvegas@aol.com))
- Attention Grafton Parents: The After Prom Committee is selling "Grafton Parent" t-shirts and t-shirts for parents of Seniors that say "I'm having a SENIOR Moment, My child is Graduating." Shirts are \$10 each. All money raised will go to After Prom. Please feel free to contact Courtney Engel at [JGRacn24@aol.com](mailto:JGRacn24@aol.com) if you have any questions! Thank you for supporting After Prom!

#### **4. Clubs/Activities News:**

- The Final FCA meeting will be held on SUNDAY, June 1 at the home of Mrs. Wright. We will celebrate our year together while cooking out and swimming! Please see the sign-up sheet outside of Mrs. Wright's office (room 322) to RSVP and sign up for an item to bring. FCA will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a towel if you plan to swim, as well as a lawn chair. We will meet from 2:00-6:00pm and eat at 3:00. Hope all officers and members can come. Any questions, please email Mrs. Wright at [dwright@ycsd.york.va.us](mailto:dwright@ycsd.york.va.us)
- **Baccalaureate** will be held in the Grafton Auditorium on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Seniors line up in cap and gown by 3:45 p.m. Our speaker for this event is Pastor Stu Hodges from Waters Edge Church. This event is sponsored by the PTSA and the intent is to give the students an inspirational message to help them to reflect on this rite of passage, hear their fellow students officers and PTSA President offer advice to the graduating class and to enjoy fellow students' musical talents. We look forward to seeing you.

#### **5. Athletic News:**

- **GABC Senior Academic Scholarship:** The Grafton Athletic Booster Club is pleased to announce the continuation of its Post-Secondary Scholarship Program. The Scholarship Program is designed to help offset some of the expenses associated with your continued education. If you are interested in applying, and meet the eligibility requirements, please complete an application and return it to the guidance office by **Monday, May 19th**, 2014. Application forms are in the Guidance Office and attached. The Grafton Athletic Booster Club will award two post-secondary scholarships. They will be awarded to two athletes

from the class of 2014, one male and one female. The scholarships will be in the amount of \$300 each. Please contact Kathy Swartwood at [kswartwood@ycsd.york.va.us](mailto:kswartwood@ycsd.york.va.us) if you have any questions.

- Sports Physicals on June 2nd at 5pm, \$15, 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade welcome
- The date for the **Spring Sports Banquet** is June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. GABC will provide meat and drinks. Suggested side dishes for attendees are as follows:
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade JV players – Desserts
  - Freshmen – Finger Foods/Appetizers (Chicken Fingers, Pizza Bites, Lil' Smokies, Cheese trays, etc)
  - Sophomores – Pasta Dishes (Baked beans, pasta salads, mac & cheese, cole slaw, etc)
  - Juniors – Vegetables or Fruit
  - Seniors - Desserts

## **6. Helpful Websites:**

The following is a list of useful links regarding guidance, calendars, and school board meetings:

1. Grafton High: <https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS>
2. GHS Faculty & Staff Listing: <https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS> (*Teachers/Staff link*)
3. Guidance: <https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS/Guidance>
4. Clinic: <http://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS/Clinic>
5. Band: [www.graftonband.com](http://www.graftonband.com)
6. Athletics: <https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS/Students/Athletics>
7. Clubs & Activities: <https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS> (*Clubs/Activities link*)
8. YCSD Calendar: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/docs/studentCalendar.pdf>
9. School hours: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/schools/schoolHours.aspx>
10. Attendance Requirements: [https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS/School\\_Info/Attendance](https://www.edline.net/pages/GraftonHS/School_Info/Attendance)
11. School Board Meetings & Dates: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/aboutUs/schoolBoard/meetings.aspx>
12. Lunch Prices: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/parents/studentInfo/lunchMenu.aspx>
13. Curriculum Info: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/parents/parentResources/curriculumGuides.aspx>
14. YCSD website: <http://yorkcountyschools.org>
15. Videos on math topics: <http://www.khanacademy.org/>
16. Step-by-Step homework problems review: <http://hotmath.com/> \*\* – Username: Clippers123 – Login, then search for your book
17. Explanations & examples for math topics: <http://www.sosmath.com/algebra/algebra.html>
18. Free graph paper: <http://www.printfreegraphpaper.com/>

## **7. Closing Thought:**

1. "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."
2. ~ *Albert Schweitzer*

Have a comment for the GHS PTSA or the school? Want something added? Reply and let us know! Input remains confidential.

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