



**PTSA Monday Message
May 5, 2014**

1. Upcoming dates:

- May 5** – “A” Day
- May 13** – AP Course Information Night
- May 24** – Prom
- May 26** – Memorial Day Holiday
- Jun 10-12** – Exams, Early Dismissal
- Jun 13** – Graduation

2. Administrative/School Counseling News:

- **Summer School Registration to begin on Monday May 5th at GHS**
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
- **AP Testing Information:**
Attached is the student schedule for AP testing and an information letter. They should have a received the letter with the schedule on the reverse side in their 2AB classes. Please contact Mrs. Huffines (757-898-0419) or shuffines@ycsd.york.va.us for further information.
- **Has Your Student Signed Up for an AP Course for the 2014-2015 School Year?**
Grafton High School would like to invite you to attend an **AP Parent Information Night: Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 PM in the GHS Auditorium**
- What: Youth Leadership Conference sponsored by the American Independence Foundation of Colonial Virginia (AIFCV)
When: May 29 - June 1, 2014
Where: Jamestown 4-H Center
Who: 10th and 11th graders
Cost: \$300 (contact Fred Hilder about scholarships for children of military veterans: 898-0553, fhilder@ycsd.york.va.us)

Applications and information are available in the school counseling office and at the following website: <http://www.aifcv.org/Conference.htm>.
- **Attention Senior Parents!**
1) The senior class will have a slide show presentation during class day on May 27. We are asking for photos of your children to be included. These can be anything from the last 18 years – school, sports, friends, field trips, activities. You can email them to me – vshriner@ycsd.york.va.us – or send them in via CD or flash drive. If you only have a (paper) photo, please put your child’s name on the back, we will scan and return to you. We really would like this to be a slideshow of the ENTIRE senior class.

- 2) 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 19th! We will include in the program all scholarships offered to your student even if they are not accepting them!
- **Review Sessions** for the upcoming May 19th – May 27th **SOL tests** will be Tuesday and Thursday 2:15-3:15 from April 22nd- May 15th. All students are welcomed. Please see the attached flier for more information.

3. PTSA News:

- Attached is this year's application for the **GHS PTSA Excellence in Volunteerism Scholarship**. Deadline is 30 May 2014.
 - ******Keep Reading****Important After Prom Information******
1. After Prom tickets go on sale May 12-16 in the Senior Atrium during all lunch blocks. Tickets are \$10. per person and can be paid for with cash or check (made to PTSA After Prom).

This year the packet is available on-line at:

graftonafterprom.com Click on the Senior Packet for After Prom tab and then click on Download file.

or on the PTSA website edline.net/pages/GraftonHS click on "Parents" then "PTSA" then "click here"

Download the packet and bring it (Completely filled out) to Ticket Sales. Make sure you **read and complete all** the relevant sections and please understand that even if your Senior is 18 they **MUST HAVE A PARENT SIGN THE FORM**.

We hope you all seriously consider encouraging your student to be a part of this night.

2. The After Prom team can now report that all our fundraising efforts have paid off and we are in good shape for the event. There are still ways we need help for the night of After Prom as well as the days leading up to the event.

If you can volunteer your time please email Cindy Howard at 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.

If you can help with Decorations either before the night (art projects at home) or putting up on the night of then please contact Julie Martin at paujulmart@netzero.net.

If you can donate food please go to the sign-up form: mysignup.com/graftonafterprom-food

If you can help out during the night with Games & Activities please go to mysignup.com/graftonafterprom-games

- **From the After Prom Decorations Chair:**
 - I am in need of senior photos for people that had their pics taken other than at the school. Wallet size in cape or tux please. This is for the senior wall at After Prom.
 - I am looking for folks who have sub woofers, who would want to let us borrow them for AP I need 2 maybe 3. I would like to have sound for the volcano and waterfall.

- I am also looking for folks who want to let us borrow their tropical plants and trees (real or fake will do).
- I am also looking for people to help decorate the night of after prom. I would like to know who is going to help before they show up at the last minute. Hahaha

Thanks,
Julie Martin
757-303-9858

- **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)
- 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 if you have any questions! Thank you for supporting After Prom!

4. Clubs/Activities News:

- **FOUND-----Ring:** A heavy gold band, which may be a wedding ring, was found outside of the Middle School. Please call the Middle School office (898-0525) to identify it.
- **Support GHS Relay for Life Team,**
 - Smokin' Joe's BBQ dinner At Grafton High School --- Eat-in or Take-out
 - May 6th, 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Pulled pork, baked beans, cole slaw, homemade dessert, and a drink
 - \$10.00

For tickets, contact any of the team members at Grafton High School @ 898-0530
Billye Barbour, Jane Dodge, Vicki Burton, Tracey Schenk, Judy Faubion, Melissa Kashy, Deb Wright, Virginia Shriner, Gina Speight, Jennifer Ericsson, Deanna Johnson, Katrina Coullier, Michelle Rowland
Remember, all proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. **This is a Smokin'deal!**

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 if you have any questions.
- The tentative date for the **Spring Sports Banquet** is June 9th at 7pm. We will be looking for parent volunteers to help.
- Spring Sports Season is here!! Purchase a warm blanket for those cold games for \$50. Contact the athletic director.

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
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
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. "In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure."
2. ~ *Bill Cosby*

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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GHS PTSA website: <http://ghsptsa.digitalpto.com/>