



**PTSA Monday Message
April 21, 2014**

1. Upcoming dates:

Apr 21 – “A” Day

Apr 25-27 – Belgian Waffle House Fundraiser

A look ahead:

May 24 – Prom

May 26 – Memorial Day Holiday

Jun 10-12 – Exams, Early Dismissal

Jun 13 – Graduation

2. Administrative/School Counseling News:

• **Attention Senior Parents!**

- 1) This week you should be receiving an envelope marked “ **Important Graduation Information OPEN IMMEDIATELY**” This envelope contains information on everything that is going on for the rest of the year for your graduate. It includes information about graduation, prom, class day, Baccalaureate, etc. It includes the form to request additional graduation tickets, handicapped parking and handicap seating for graduation. It also includes permission forms needed for prom and class day. **PLEASE WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR THIS IMPORTANT LETTER.** If you have any questions, please contact me at vshrinier@ycsd.york.va.us
 - 2) 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 – vshrinier@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.
 - 3) 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.
 - Please see the following link for **summer school information!** <http://yorkcountyschools.org/docs/SummerAcademicPrograms.pdf>

3. PTSA News:

- **Message from the President:**

Grafton Family,

No, it wasn't rain that inspired runners at the first ever Color Me Red & Blue Run this past Saturday, but it was liquid sunshine that just made everything that more colorful in support of the upcoming GHS PTSA sponsored After-Prom. Congratulations to our Fun Run planning committee for a very well organized and executed event. And special thanks to all our sponsors! It was great to see students, families and friends of Grafton out in force to support our cause. Even one of York County's finest Fire and Rescue crewman ran while carrying radios and gear. HOOAH! URA! GO CLIPPERS!

Please mark your calendars for the York County Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on April 24th regarding the FY15 Budget. While the Governor and State Assembly have yet to release exact numbers to create an accurate budget, we know there will be cuts that have to be made to the YCSD proposed FY15 budget. The hearing begins at 7 p.m., and it would be great if parents could be there by 6:30 p.m. in Spirit Wear representing your respective school(s).

In addition, the York County School Board has launched their search for a new YCSD Superintendent, and has created a survey for students, parents and residents to comment on what leadership characteristics and qualifications we want to have in our next Superintendent. In addition to online surveys on the county website, paper copies are also available at our respective schools and county libraries.

The School Board will also be hosting two public hearings to gain direct feedback that is difficult to capture in a survey. The first will be on April 30th at 7 p.m. at Bruton High School, and the second on May 7th at 7 p.m. at York High School.

SENIORS the **GHS PTSA Volunteer Excellence Scholarship application is now available!** Deadline is 30 May 2014. (*application attached*)

Last but not least, if you are interested in serving as a PTSA Board Member or Committee Chair next year, please sign up with us now!

Have a great week!

Chuck Cooper, President
GHS PTSA, 2013-2014

- **WE'RE ONLY 5 WEEKS AWAY FROM PROM NIGHT!!!**

The After Prom Committee is actively searching for volunteers to help make this years After Prom a success. We have chairs for all committees, but still need help with getting the work done. Please contact After Prom Volunteer coordinator Cindy Howard at mrshtduck@cox.net to volunteer for one of the following committees:

- Food - provide food or help serve on After Prom night
- Ticket Sales - sell tickets to students
- Logistics - help with setup and cleanup on After Prom night
- Check in/Check out - make sure students arrive and depart when they should
- Games & Activities - man a game for an hour or two on After Prom night
- Casino - run casino games on After Prom night
- Prize Store - help students select items from the prize store

We appreciate your support and help!

- **April Fundraising Feasts:**

- **Belgian Waffle & Steak House** - located at 14700 Warwick Blvd, Newport News - starting Friday, April 25th until Sunday the 27th. You will need the attached flyer for After Prom to receive the donation from Belgian Waffle and Steak House.

- **Graduation flag** - Show your GHS spirit and order one today! Any graduating year can be sewn onto the flag. The order form is attached, so please fill it out and send it to the main office to be put in the PTSA box or email me. Proceeds for this fundraiser support the GHS after prom. The flags are \$20. We have sold all the garden signs for this year.
Thank you for supporting the after prom! Any questions, please contact Deanne Wagner at 757-951-3085 or 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!
- A big **thank you** to everyone who participated in the first ever **Color Me Red & Blue 5K** Fun Run/Walk. It was a huge success with around 180 registered 5k entrants and 30 for the 1 mile. Not even the rain could dampen the spirits of the participants, supporters or volunteers. Those that wanted to were showered in color and we have many photos that we will post on our Facebook page and website so please check it out. www.graftonafterprom.com
Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers without whom the event would not have run so smoothly. Thank you to our amazing sponsors. Thanks to the supporters who turned out to cheer everyone on and a big thank you to Chris Sievers, Walter Bruce and Susan Van Der Hoven who helped us put the course together.

Finally, a huge thanks to Cindy Bloxom and Julie Martin for being brave enough to take on this crazy venture!! You did an amazing job.

See you all next year!

4. Clubs/Activities News:

- The next **FCA** meeting will be at the home of Elizabeth Leybold on Monday, April 21st, beginning at 7:00. Please arrive by 6:30 for Food and Fellowship. Directions can be found in the main office.
- The Grafton High School Drama Department presents "**The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**" on April 24th, 25th and 26th at 7:00 pm and April 26th at 2:00 pm. Tickets will be available in the main office of Grafton High from April 21 thru April 23, 2014 (8:00 am to 3:30 pm). Tickets will also be available at the door one hour before each show. \$6.00 in advance.\$8.00 at the door.
- **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!**
- The Grafton Band will be having a **CAR WASH** fundraiser on Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, at One Stop Auto on Route 17 which is situated right next to Walmart and McDonalds.

5. Athletic News:

- **Grafton Athletic Boosters Club (GABC)** is currently taking nominations for the 2014-2015 Board. If you would like to participate or would just like more information, please contact Buddy Dearing: Buddysllc@gmail.com or Martha Owens: Bmnowens@juno.com or you can attend the next GABC meeting.
- The next GABC board meeting will be held on Wednesday April 23, 2014 at 6:30pm in the GHS Cafeteria.
- 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. "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."
2. ~ *Mahatma Gandhi*

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/>

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