



PTSA Monday Message
April 28, 2014

1. Upcoming dates:

Apr 28 – “B” Day

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.
- **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:

- **Message from the President:**

THANK YOU to all the Parents, Teachers, and York County residents that turned out this past Thursday to the Board of Supervisors Mtg in support of fully funding the proposed FY15 YCSD Budget! Your

voices were heard loud and clear! Stay informed and keep e-mailing your representatives that "York County -- it is the schools!"

Don't forget National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week is 5-9 May. Reach out on Facebook or write a personal note to one of your favorite teachers from a few years ago to a couple of decades ago, and let them know how appreciated they are.

Senior Parents! After Prom is only a few weeks away -- if you aren't already, get engaged to support this event!

All the Best,

Chuck Cooper, President
GHS PTSA, 2013-2014

- Attached is this year's application for the **GHS PTSA Excellence in Volunteerism Scholarship**. Deadline is 30 May 2014.

- **WE'RE ONLY 4 WEEKS AWAY FROM PROM NIGHT!!!**
The After Prom Committee is actively searching for volunteers to help make this year's 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 storeWe appreciate your support and help!

- **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!

4. Clubs/Activities News:

- Come join us at the Asian Games (Grafton, Tabb, and York's Asian Associations' cultural show) on Saturday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. at York High School.
Admission is \$5.00. and door prizes (gift cards) and food are included with each ticket.

- **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:

- 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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