



***PTSA Monday Message  
April 7, 2014***

**1. Upcoming dates:**

**Apr 7-11** – Spring Break

**Apr 16** – Sweet Frog Fundraiser

**Apr 19** – Color Me **Red** & **Blue** 5k Fun Run/Walk

**Apr 19** – Plaza Azteca, Yorktown location Fundraiser

**Apr 25-27** – Belgian Waffle House Fundraiser

A look ahead:

**May 24** – Prom

**May 26** – Memorial Day

**Jun 13** – Graduation

**Message from the President:**

Grafton Family,

Here is very insightful message from Laurel Garrelts, President of the York County PTA.

In addition I have attached this year's application for the GHS PTSA Excellence in Volunteerism Scholarship. Deadline is 30 May 2014.

Have a great Spring Break!

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Chuck Cooper, President  
GHS PTSA, 2013-2014

**Message from YCC PTA:**

Our Board of Supervisors (the elected body for York County) has expressed that they will not fully-fund the schools because it would mean that they wouldn't be re-elected. They feel that the retired population in York County does not value our public schools. This is aggravating because: #1 our elected officials shouldn't be making decisions because of their own personal needs, and #2 they are grossly underestimating the amazing retired citizens in York County whose children have experienced the quality education that York County provides AND who are intelligent enough to know that York County is a desired community because of the schools and low crime rate. Property values depend on the health of the schools. PLEASE encourage all of your retired friends and neighbors to contact their Board of Supervisor to make sure they know how incorrect they are!

There are two upcoming events at which it will be imperative to have parents in attendance. The first is the Board of Supervisors Retreat on April 11th at 11:30. This event is an informal event held at the Freight Shed on the waterfront.

The second is the Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on April 24th. The hearing begins at 7:00 so it

would be great to have parents there by 6:30. We will meet in front of York Hall in downtown Yorktown. It was suggested by a parent that we should wear Spirit Wear from our home school so they know where we are from. Great idea!

Take care....

Laurel Garrelts

York County PTA President

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

- **Summer School Information:**

Dates: June23 - July 24

Where: Grafton High School

Cost: High School Academy- \$450.00

Virtual Academy- \$550.00

Registration will begin at GHS after May 1<sup>st</sup>. More information to follow!

## **3. PTSA News:**

- The **Color Me Red & Blue 5K Fun Run/Walk** is on Saturday 19th April.

There have made many adjustments over the months as this event has taken shape and the latest is discounts for groups. If you can get a group together of 7-14 then the cost per person is \$30 and if you can get a group of 15+ then the cost is \$25 per person. There are registration forms attached to this email. Groups should complete a form per person and submit them all in one batch to the front office at GHS either in person or by mail and include all checks made payable to Grafton After Prom as there is no facility for groups to register on line. Make sure you come up with a great group name and put that on the top of each form too.

Individual runners/walkers can use the attached registration form or sign up online at

[www.graftonafterprom.com](http://www.graftonafterprom.com).

The fun run needs volunteers to make it a success! If you're not running/walking, please consider volunteering! Visit <http://mysignup.com/graftonafterprom-5k> to sign up for a slot that fits into your busy schedule.

We also need donations for the day of the race, visit [www.mysignup.com/grafton5kdonations](http://www.mysignup.com/grafton5kdonations).

For 5th Graders and younger the Easter Bunny will be there and there will be an Easter Egg Hunt so go the MORE tab on the 5K website [www.graftonafterprom.com](http://www.graftonafterprom.com) and let us know how many kids you are bringing to the Easter Egg hunt.

- No plans for the week of Spring Break? Paint your own pottery at the **Starving Artist Studio** in Port Warwick anytime from **April 4 through April 13**. A portion of your pottery purchase will go to benefit the GHS After Prom! Please see the attached flyer for more info.

- **April Fundraising Feasts:**

- **Sweet Frog Fundraiser** - Yorktown location on Route 17 - all day April 16th.
- **Plaza Azteca/Yorktown location only** - April 19th - all day. You will need the attached flyer for the GHS After Prom to receive the donation. Come to the 5K Fun Run/Walk and treat yourself to lunch at Plaza on the way home.
- **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.

- The After Prom Team would like to say thanks to everyone who supported the Mr. Grafton Beauty Pageant on Saturday 29th March. It was a very successful evening and our boys did a great job of entertaining everyone. A big thank you to Sandy Cherry and Liz Madeline who worked hard to put this event together and of course congratulations to David Nicks – Mr. Grafton 2014!!
- Attention seniors and parents of seniors: If you have had your senior pictures (cap and gown as well as drape/tux) taken by someone other than Candid Color, please contact Julie Martin @ [paujulmart@netzero.net](mailto:paujulmart@netzero.net) . She is in charge of decorations for after prom and is making something special for the kids with senior pictures. Thank you.
- **Graduation flag and yard sign** - 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. Proceeds for this fundraiser supports the GHS after prom. The flags are \$20 and the garden signs are \$25. Thank you for supporting the after prom! Any questions, please contact Deanne Wagner at 757-951-3085 or [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 Grafton High School Drama Department presents “**The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**” on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and April 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

- **Grafton Athletic Booster Club 2014 Summer Camp Athletic Scholarship**  
The Grafton Athletic Booster Club announces the continuation of the Summer Camp Scholarship Program. Scholarships are awarded to help offset some of the expenses associated with summer camp sports. If you are interested in applying for the summer camp scholarship, please complete an application and return it to your Coach by Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup>. Application attached, as well as located on the table outside Ms. Sutton’s office and outside the GMS Guidance Office. Scholarships will be awarded to two athletes in GMS and GHS.
- 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](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. "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything." (Sonnet XCVIII)
2. ~William Shakespeare

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

Monday Message: [themondaymessage13-14@cox.net](mailto:themondaymessage13-14@cox.net)

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

PTSA Board:

### **GHS PTSA Board 2013-2014**

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