



***PTSA Monday Message  
January 13, 2014***

**1. Upcoming dates:**

- Jan 6** – “A” Day
- Jan 15** – Sweet Frog Fundraiser
- Jan 17-19** – Belgian Waffle House Fundraiser
- Jan 20** – School Holiday
- Jan 21** – PTSA Board Meeting
- Jan 21-23** – Early Dismissal – Exams
- Jan 24** – School Holiday
- Jan 27** – School Holiday
- Jan 29** – Chick Fil A Fundraiser
- Feb 1** – GABC Cold Feet 5K run/walk
- Feb 13** – ASVAB Career Exploration Program Exam (sign up in Guidance)
- Mar 6** – ASVAB Interpretation

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

- **SOL TESTING INFORMATION:**  
Students who qualified for SOL Expedited retakes will test again on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be one last day of afterschool review sessions on Tuesday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see the testing page on edline for additional review resources. Please email Mrs. Huffines [shuffines@ycsd.york.va.us](mailto:shuffines@ycsd.york.va.us) or call her at 898-0419 if you have any questions.
- **AP TESTING INFORMATION:**  
AP registration forms have been given out in AP classes. Only 1 form is need from students and the deadline is Friday, February 21. The cost is \$89 per exam, with checks payable to Grafton High School. Mrs. Huffines is collecting registration forms/money in her office (Rm 411) and during all lunches on Feb. 5-7 and Feb. 18-19<sup>th</sup>. Please email Mrs. Huffines [shuffines@ycsd.york.va.us](mailto:shuffines@ycsd.york.va.us) or call her at 898-0419 if you have any questions.
- **Attention parents of Seniors:** Please have your student bring all of their college acceptance letters to Mrs. Bowles in the School Counseling Office. We will happily make a copy and return the original to your student! We want to proudly post all of your student's acceptances on our banner...." Look Who has been Accepted Where". Also, if your student is offered any scholarships, even if they are not going to accept them, please have them bring a copy to us as well. The Graduation Program will recognize all of the scholarships offered to your student.

**3. PTSA News:**

- **Message from the President:**

Membership,

I will be representing York County at the upcoming PTA Day with the General Assembly on Monday, 27

January in Richmond. Please let me know of any topics, issues, and/or concerns you would like me to carry forward on your behalf regarding the health, safety, resourcing, and maintenance of our successful public school programs. I will also be working with our School Board and Superintendent to develop talking points to carry with me to discuss with our local and state representatives. Contact me ASAP and let your voice be heard!

Respectfully,  
Chuck Cooper, President  
GHS PTSA, 2013-2014

- **Students**, how would you like the potential to earn \$1 per word on the next essay you write? That's just what could happen if you enter the Virginia PTA Citizenship Essay Project. This year's theme is "Effecting Change.....Starting with ME!" See attached entry form and criteria. All essays must be returned to Chuck Cooper, GHS PTSA President, NLT Thursday, 30 January so we can get entries to District Coordinator by 1 February.
- **After Prom 2014 Fundraising Feasts for January!!**
  - Belgian Waffle & Steak House at 14700 Warwick Blvd, NN on 17/18/19 January - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (please bring attached flyer)
  - Sweet Frog on Route 17 on 15 January - all day
  - Chick-Fil-A at Victory on 29 January from 5pm-8pm

Choose your favorite restaurant and take a night off from cooking whilst supporting After Prom.

- Order your **graduation flag and yard sign** and show your school spirit! 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 goes to support the GHS after prom. The flags are \$20 and the garden signs are \$25. We only have 3 garden signs left, so order yours today! Thank you for supporting the after prom! Any questions, please call Deanne Wagner at 757-951-3085.
- **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. Pictures of the shirts and an order form are attached to this email. 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:**

- FCA- We will not hold another FCA meeting until February due to exams and holidays. The date of the next meeting will be February 10.

The week of February 3-7, FCA will be sponsoring the **SOUPERBOWL of Caring** campaign. This is our 6th year participating in this community survive project. We need your help by donating money and non-perishable foods during that week. All money and food collected will be donated to a local food pantry. This campaign is scheduled close to the NFL Super Bowl to bring attention to food needed in our community. We need to step up and help restock the food bank pantries that have been depleted during the holiday season. Please help, by making food and or monetary donations Feb 3-6, 2014 and help GHS FCA TACKLE HUNGER!

If you have any questions, please contact Deborah Wright, Huddle Leader, at [dwright@ycsd.york.va.us](mailto:dwright@ycsd.york.va.us)

## **5. Athletic News:**

- **GABC Cold Feet 5K run/walk**

Saturday, February 1, 2014 10:00am

Fee: \$20 by 1/21/14, Late Fee: \$25 after 1/21/14.

Register with the attached form or register on-line: <https://www.raceit.com/register/?event=24052>

Race inquiries: [GraftonColdFeet5K@cox.net](mailto:GraftonColdFeet5K@cox.net) or Elaine Jones, (757)618-0420

## **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. " It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings."
2. –*Ann Landers*

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://ghs\\_ptsa.digitalpta.com](http://ghs_ptsa.digitalpta.com)

PTSA Board:

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