



***PTSA Monday Message
January 20, 2014***

1. Upcoming dates:

- Jan 20** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- Jan 21** – PTSA Board Meeting
- Jan 21** – 1A & 1B Exams – Early Dismissal
- Jan 22** – 3A & 3B Exams – Early Dismissal
- Jan 23** – 4A & 4B Exams – Early Dismissal
- 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:

- **Attention All Seniors:** If you have applied to a school that requires a mid-year transcript you must bring an envelope with 1 stamp addressed to the college you want this sent to. The School Counseling office will start sending these out after February 10th!! The only exception to this is for those students that used the Common Application. Mid-year transcripts will be sent electronically by your school counselor!
- **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. 18-19th. Please email Mrs. Huffines shuffines@ycsd.york.va.us or call her at 898-0419 if you have any questions.
- In cooperation with local Auto Body Shops, **New Horizons** is hosting an Open House at Suttle Motors on January 23 from 6-8 PM. This gives students a chance to see a first rate facility, meet Auto Body Professionals, and learn about the job opportunities and potential salary in this field. They will also learn about the New Horizons Auto Body Program and how that prepares them for work in the field. Please see the attached if you are interested.

3. PTSA News:

- After-prom's Annual Fundraiser, **Mr. Grafton**, will be held on Saturday, March 22nd at 7:00 PM. We are hoping to have 3/4 contestants from each grade level this year. There will be a few practices prior and a mandatory dress rehearsal on Friday, March 21st. If your son is interested, please have him stop by the front office and sign up ASAP! Please email Sandy Cherry at RSAAGcherry@cox.net if you have any questions!
- **After Prom 2014 Fundraising Feasts for January!!**
 - **Chick-Fil-A** at Victory on 29 January from 5pm-8pm

Take a night off from cooking whilst supporting After Prom.

- **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.
- 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 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 3rd.

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

- The 2nd Annual Grafton Clipper Band **Craft and Spring Festival** will be held on Saturday, March 1st from 9-2:30 and they are looking for vendors! The cost is only \$30 per table rental. Deadline to register is

February 22nd. If you or anyone you know would like to participate or need further information, please contact Dr. Helen Dennie at momh03@aol.com

- **Yearbook Information:** Purchase the 2013-2014 Grafton Yearbook for \$65.00 by **January 31**. The price will increase to \$75.00 if purchased between February 1 and March 28. The cost of purchasing a yearbook upon deliver is \$85.00. Visit www.candidcolor.net, select "Yearbook" and enter the access code GRFYBK14 to order online. Contact Candid Color with any yearbook ordering questions at customerservice@candidcolor.net / 703-590-0187.

5. Athletic News:

- **Attention Grafton Lacrosse Boys and Girls Players:** Coaches will be conducting season kick-off meetings with players on Wednesday, 22 January at the Tabb Library (Large Meeting Room).

Girls 6:30-7:30PM
Boys 7:45-8:45PM

Purpose: Discuss practice schedule, expectations, equipment requirements, Q&A.
For players/families who did not attend the 12 Dec registration night, we will also be collecting registration forms (see attachment) & checks for dues payments/uniform deposits. Please check our website (www.graftonlax.com) for the slides presented during registration night. Email questions to ghslax@gmail.com

- **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 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
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 ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."
–Martin Luther King, Jr
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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

PTSA Board:

GHS PTSA Board 2013-2014

President – Chuck Cooper

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GHS PTSA Committee Chairs 2013-2014

After Prom – Courtney Engel & Sandra DiGangi

Baccalaureate – Val Fendrick

Hospitality – Carol Caraballo & Cindy Howard

Membership – Courtney Engel & Sandra DiGangi

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Reflections/Awards – **VACANT**

Student Directory – Liz Hamilton

Volunteers – Deanne Wagner

Web Page – Jeff Satterfield